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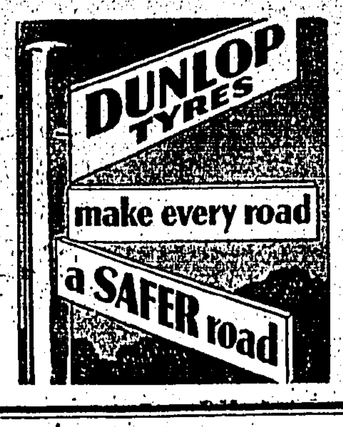


REBEL JUNTA SENDS ENERGETIC PROTEST TO GREAT BRITAIN

BRITISH SHIPS CONTINUE TO IGNORE BILBOA BLOCKADE

Salamanca, April 25.

The Insurgent Junta at Burgos has protested energetically to Great Britain, accusing British warships of flagrant violation of the principle of neutrality by intervening between cargo ships, running the Bilbao blockade, and the Insurgent cruiser Almirante Cervera.

The Insurgent Junta requests measures to prevent repetition of such incidents.

The note evidently related to the action of H.M.S. Hood, six miles off Bilbao Saturday, when she warned the Almirante Cervera against interfering with British ships outside the Spanish territorial limits. The Spanish ship had fired across the bows of the foodship McGregor, one of the three vessels which had been held up at St. Jean de Luz, fearing the risk of capture by the Insurgents was too great to be run.—*Reuter.*

CONTINUE TO DARE REBEL GUNS

Santander, Apr. 25.

The Jenny, formerly a Greek steamer, now registered at London, carrying a cargo of foodstuffs, and the Glasgow steamer Oak Grove, in ballast, have arrived here.—*Reuter.*

Safe At Bilbao

Paris, Apr. 25.

It is learned here through the Basque Government authorities that the British steamers Thurston and Stresso, both carrying cargoes of food, have arrived safely at Bilbao, despite the Insurgent blockade.—*Reuter.*

Not Molested

Bilbao, Apr. 25.

Unlike the exciting voyages of the previous blockade-runners, the British steamers Thurston and Stresso were not in any way molested during their run here.

Captain Allen of the Stresso, interviewed by Reuter in his cabin, said he saw no single warship during his voyage, except two British destroyers carrying out patrol duty. He was most disgusted at this lack of excitement.

However, he said, as his ship was berthing air raid sirens started up and dockers fled for cover. The visit was brief. The raiding Junkers could be seen in the distance, but they soon disappeared.

Crews Are Popular

Nine ships have now run the blockade, eight British and one French. Their crews are enormously popular with the inhabitants, who have been promised to-morrow their first bread for many days. A general ration issue will be made Wednesday and will consist of two pounds of potatoes, half a pound of rice, of sugar, beans and canned tomatoes, and a portion of fish. This supply must last the inhabitants for several days. If it had not been for the foodships, many would be starving now.—*Reuter.*

SWEEPING FRONTIER

Indian Brigade Now Cleaning Up

Simla, Apr. 25.

Continuing its clearing-up campaign in the disturbed frontier country where the fanatical Fakir of Ipi is leading his men on raids and ambushes, the Second Indian Infantry Brigade advanced southwards towards Khaisora Valley to-day, reaching Japer Camp.

The Brigade encountered slight opposition but suffered no casualties.—*Reuter.*

GOERING FOR ROME

Naples, April 25.

General Herman Goering, German Minister for Air, is leaving to-night for Rome for important conversations with Signor Benito Mussolini to-morrow, and it is believed he will invite the Italian Dictator to visit Herr Adolf Hitler in the near future.—*Reuter.*

ITALIAN DESTROYER HOLDS UP BRITISHER

But Spanish Planes Intervene

Valencia, Apr. 26.

A British oil tanker was stopped outside Barcelona by an Italian destroyer, according to a Government communique.

The destroyer steamed off when Spanish Government planes appeared, but returned and again attempted to stop the ship.

Government planes interfered a second time and on this occasion the tanker reached Barcelona.—*Reuter.*

Anti-Lottery Laws

Hongkong Name In Banned List

Mr. F. Cuaderno, acting Director of Posts, has issued an order against eight known agents or representatives in the distribution of foreign lottery tickets, says the *Manila Bulletin*. The order means that no letters or packages addressed to those persons, except those sent by the Commonwealth or by the Federal Government, will be sent through the mails.

The order was issued against eight persons, including one from Hongkong and two from Macao.

Mr. Cuaderno stated that evidence satisfactory to him had shown that these men are using the mail service of the Philippines for the promotion of their business, in violation of the postage laws. He directed all postmasters and other postal officers and employees to return to the person depositing in the mails any matter of whatever class mailed by or addressed to these people or their agents or representatives.

Any such mail discovered by postal officials is to be marked: "Fraudulent: mail from—to this address returned by order of the Director of Posts." Should the senders of letters addressed to these persons fail to show their names, their mail will be sent to the dead letter office with the mark "fraudulent" and will be disposed of like other dead letter matter.

Postal officials are also forbidden to issue or pay any money order or telegraphic transfer to these persons or their agents or representatives. The order will not apply to mail matter not under seal which, on examination, is found not to pertain to the inhibited business.

War Debts May Be Paid With Goods

United States Ready To Hear Offers

But None are Yet Forthcoming

Washington, April 24.

Members of the United States Administration have expressed their willingness to consider offers from European nations for the partial repayment of War Debts with goods and services.

However, they draw attention to such measures involving the most careful consideration of the United States' ability to absorb such goods and services without depressing home markets and deranging the economic structure.

Officials of the State and Treasury Departments say that no such offers have been received as yet, and that the reports have apparently grown out of a misunderstanding between Senator Hamilton Lewis of the Foreign Relations Committee and the State Department.

Earlier, Senator Lewis had said that he was intending to recommend to President Roosevelt that such offers should be accepted and that such payments in commodities should be distributed in the United States for relief purposes.—*United Press.*

NEW YORK EXCHANGE NERVOUS

Prices Lower But Fairly Active

New York, April 24.

Prices were lower in a moderately active but nervous session on the New York Stock Exchange to-day.

The unfavourable factors included anxiety over the Government's economy programme, some accounts becoming frozen, the recent breaks and resultant uncertainty in the commodity markets, and the critical foreign situation.

The favourable factors include the steel production increase, good carloadings returns, good earnings reports and estimates that March automobile sales will constitute a record.

Issues on the Curb Exchange were lower.

The Bond Market was lower with United States Government issues higher.

DOW-JONES AVERAGES

	Apr. 23	Apr. 24	Change
Industrials	178.54	176.98	Off 1.56
Rails	60.24	59.54	Off .70
Utilities	30.17	29.94	Off 2.3
Bonds	101.49	101.35	Off .14

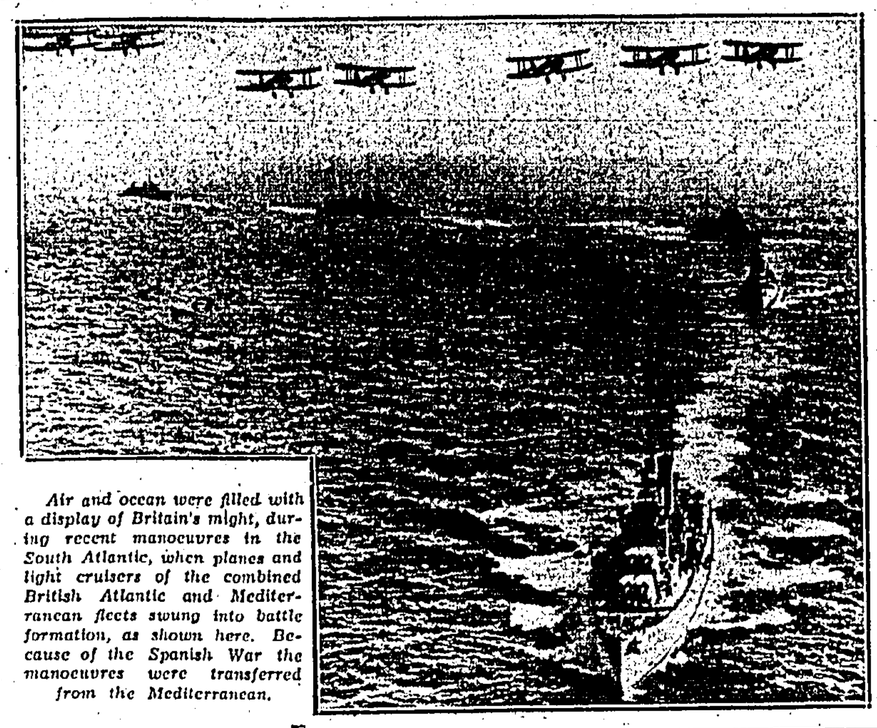
Volume: 808,000 shares.—*United Press.*

EDEN IN BRUSSELS

Brussels, Apr. 25.

Mr. Anthony Eden, the British Foreign Secretary, has arrived here for conversations with the Prime Minister, M. Paul van Zeeland.—*Reuter.*

BRITISH MANOEUVRES IN ATLANTIC



Air and ocean were filled with a display of Britain's might, during recent manoeuvres in the South Atlantic, when planes and light cruisers of the combined British Atlantic and Mediterranean fleets swung into battle formation, as shown here. Because of the Spanish War the manoeuvres were transferred from the Mediterranean.

World Mark For 4-Mile Relay Race

Philadelphia, Apr. 25.

An Indiana team, consisting of Don Lash, Melvern Trutt, Jim Deckard and Jim Smith, to-day established a world's record for the four-mile relay race.

They covered the distance in 17 minutes 16.1 seconds, bettering the record of 17 minutes 21 seconds previously held by the Illinois Athletic Club.—*Reuter.*

Coronation Won't Stop Bus Strike

Undergraduates Lend Cars To Strikers

Union Refuses To Delay Crisis

London, Apr. 25.

While the Conciliation Department of the Ministry of Labour was striving to avoid a strike of 40,000 London busmen on May 1, the Transport Board announced it had suggested the issue should be avoided for a month in order not to disturb the exceptional May traffic. The union refused.

The Transport Board has informed the union that it is prepared to discuss other matters, but it will not entertain the workers' demand for a shortening of working hours. The men insist that the half-hour allowed at meal-times should be taken out of their eight-hour day, which would mean that they would work only seven and a half hours.

It is noteworthy that the Cup Final at Wembley and other important sporting events are fixed for May 1.

Meanwhile, the striking busmen in the south-eastern counties held many meetings to-day. Undergraduates of Cambridge lent the strikers their cars and provided them with money to buy petrol.—*Reuter.*

DELEGATES TO THE CORONATION

CHINESE PARTY IN NAPLES

Naples, Apr. 25.

The Chinese delegation to the coronation of King George VI, headed by Dr. H. H. Kung, arrived here to-day and was met by the Chancellor of the Chinese Embassy, several members of the Embassy staff, and legal authorities.

The delegation went on a tour of some of the sights of Naples, and later left for Genoa.—*Reuter.*

FRANCE RUSHES DEFENCE PLANS

PREPARES FOR ANY EMERGENCY

Vast Expenditure On Air Force

(Special to "Telegraph")

Paris, Apr. 25.

France, in her feverish efforts to make herself impregnable in the next war which all-Europe seems to expect, is building across her frontier the greatest defensive works since the Chinese Wall. And that is only one aspect of her staggering re-armament programme, although it is by far the most spectacular.

The famous Maginot Line of underground steel and concrete fortresses, already built along the northern border fronting Germany, is to be extended to the English Channel and to Switzerland at a cost of 2,000,000,000 francs (£16,200,000).

The existing Maginot line already is permanently manned by at least 25,000 professional troops (not conscripts), serving an unlimited term of service.

They are stationed in the underground forts and pill boxes all along the frontier, linked by underground passages and underground railways to facilitate the rapid concentration of troops and munitions to any point.

The larger units have their own electricity, water, powerhouses and communications. They are stocked with munitions and food to enable the troops to remain underground for months if necessary.

The whole system from the Channel to Switzerland will be backed by a strong secondary line of defence.

In addition to the Maginot line, the French programme includes the following measures:

1. Raising a defence loan eventually to total 10,500,000,000 francs (£100,000,000), of which 8,000,000,000 (£73,500,000) has just been issued.

2. Expenditure this year of 18,340,000,000 (£168,500,000) on military preparations, of which 9,500,000,000 francs (£87,300,000) will be raised by loans.

3. Expansion of the air force by half this year, doubling its efficiency with new machines, and quadrupling its air bombing capacity by the end of the year;

4. Enlargement of the navy to the third strongest in the world by bringing it to a total of 950,000 tons through construction of 39 new warships;

5. Intensification of the mechanisation of the army and an increase in tanks;

6. Nationalization of war industries;

7. Decentralisation of war industries, including the removal of 35 aircraft factories from the vicinity of Paris to other centres as a protection against bombing;

8. Retention of conscripts in the army for two years;

9. Improvement of the physical condition of the troops and the training of youth by the formation of a corps of 15,000 gymnastic and drill instructors;

10. Formation of huge reserves of war stocks, including six months' supply of fuel oil for the navy and

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Parachutes Fail Him: Birdman Dies

Paris, Apr. 25.

A vast crowd, numbering at least 200,000 saw a man glide 6,560 feet to his death to-day.

It was the famous American birdman, Clem Sohn, who, in a specially constructed suit, with wings controlled by his arms and a tail controlled by his legs, was giving an exhibition at Vincennes.

Sohn jumped from a plane 6,560 feet up. Gracefully, with outstretched arms, he glided towards the ground, for all the world like a swiftly diving bird. After a few moments of exhibitions of turns he attempted to release his parachutes, which check his fall. These were strapped to his back and chest. Both failed to function.—*Reuter.*

Montreux Conference Obstacles

France Again Causes Awkward Delay

Session Must Be Adjourned

Montreux, Apr. 25.

A rift in the lute has occurred during the Franco-Egyptian talks here with respect to the revision of accords and agreements respecting Egypt's relations with the nations. The French submitted a memorandum explaining their desires in the matter of permanent relations, especially regarding the Treaty of Establishment.

After long conversations between the Egyptian Prime Minister, Nehas Pasha, and the French delegate, M. de Tassan, it appeared the Egyptian Government was not prepared to discuss the subject with a view to an immediate convention as it has not the necessary documentation available.

The Egyptians would like the capitulations question settled first, while the French wish for something definite on other points beforehand.

M. de Tassan has again gone to Paris to discuss the situation with his Government, accompanied by the Minister Plenipotentiary M. La Gard. M. Hymens, the other French delegate, left last night. Hence, it appears obvious that to-morrow's general commission meeting must be adjourned as the Frenchmen are not expected to return before Wednesday.—*Reuter.*

Diplomat's Daughter Murdered

Beautiful Girl Shot Outside Vienna

Was Student Of Occult Science

Vienna, Apr. 25.

The tragic death of the beautiful, 20-year-old daughter of the Paraguayan Minister, Senorita Ingrid Weingreen, a devotee of occult sciences, is presenting a baffling problem to the authorities.

The girl was found dying in her car in the main Vienna-Trieste highway, near Neunkirchen, as a result of two revolver shots in her body.

Her property was apparently untouched. None of her jewellery was missing, and only a little suitcase had been smashed open. It contained a few commonplace articles which the assailant abandoned.

Six unused bullets were found in the car.

News of the tragedy was withheld for 24 hours. It is now suggested that the girl was motoring alone to visit another occult student and friend in Lower Austria when she was intercepted on the main road, induced to pull up by her assailant, who must have worked very swiftly.

The mystery is deepened by the apparent complete lack of motive.—*Reuter.*

CARDINALS HUMBLE CHICAGO

Jerry Dean Holds Cubs Scoreless

Brooklyn Rallies To Beat Phillies

New York, April 25.

St. Louis Cardinals remain the most consistent team in the National League to date. They defeated Chicago Cubs four to nothing to-day, Jerry Dean, brother of the spectacled sensation, "Dizzy," holding the Cubs to five hits. Chicago committed five errors.

St. Louis, batting strongly, counted eleven safeties for their four runs.

Boston Braves out-scored the doughty Giants, though each hit safely only six times and the Braves had three errors. Boston scored three times and the Giants once, New York giving away one error.

In a wild eleventh inning rally, Brooklyn took the measure of the Phillies, ten to six. Manush and Hasset hit home runs at the crucial moment. The Dodgers hit thirteen and Philadelphia ten. Each had one error.

Wet grounds prevented the Cincinnati-Pittsburgh engagement.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

New York Yankees whipped Boston, nine to three, hitting 13 to the Sox' eight, and benefitting largely by the Boston errors. There were four of them. Doerr hit a homer for the Sox.

In 11 innings, Cleveland beat St. Louis five to four in another slugging match, hitting 15 to the Browns' 14. Cleveland had five errors.

Chicago scored 11 runs to Detroit's seven in another 11-innings encounter, Berger whacking a home run. The White Sox hit 14 and the Tigers ten. The winners had two errors.

The Washington-Philadelphia game was washed out by rain.—*Reuter.*

U.S. TRADE WITH CHINA GAINS

Washington, April 24.

The United States Chamber of Commerce annual survey reveals that the United States imports from China during the year 1936 rose $10,012,000 or 15.7 per cent. over the previous year, which is the largest increase among the major Asiatic countries.

Imports from Japan rose $21,000,000 or 14 per cent.

Imports from the Philippines increased by 1.1 per cent., from the Dutch East Indies 39 per cent. and from French Indo-China 44 per cent.—*United Press.*

NOTE ON LONDON'S LATEST FASHIONS

Review of models sponsored by London Fashion Group. Chairman, Designer Victor Stiebel

By Jane Gordon

IT has taken our modest English creators of fashion some time to discover that faint heart never won fair American buyer.

Having learnt their lesson this season, they have not only lured the American buyers over to London to see the special collections produced for the U.S.A., but they have had the satisfaction of seeing their models go like hot cakes.

You will see from these sketches some of the clothes designed especially for America.

The evening dress of white satin brocade with touches of gold thread blending alternately with the sheen of the satin is a Worth model. There are two beads at the neckline and a gilt metal belt. White and gold is still Worth's favourite evening mixture.

The headdress is of tiger lilies with pale green leaves.

Next you see Dilkusha's single-breasted coat in black face cloth with a satin finish. It is fastened with five very large gilt buttons. On each button the English lion is stamped in black. This coat is worn over a print dress.

Above the two full-length figures you see Motley's huge white felt hat, set straight on the head with pretty frilled chin strap, and next to it Worth's evening headdress of gold flowers with black spotted veil worn with black fan and gloves over a white frock.

THE five small figures illustrate, first Teddy Tinling's black bolero dress with epaulettes of satin ribbon and loops down the side seam of the skirt.

The bow on the hat carries out the Spanish effect.

Two is also from Teddy Tinling. It is a grey dress in interesting material of string and linen mixture with scarlet suede motifs of rearing horses on the handbag, gauntlet of the gloves, belt and pockets.

Three (that is the first of the three small figures at the right of the drawing) is Dilkusha's evening gown in heavy red crepe showing slashed back. The arrangement of fullness in the half train produces the interest.

Four is the coat that belongs to this dress. This is made of fine satin lined with pink, with red pockets and mittens with long gauntlets. Five is Leathercraft's evening wrap in bright scarlet suede.

HERE are some interesting signposts to indicate the high roads of Coronation fashions.

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The military shape of cats, cut square and flat across the back of the shoulders and nipped in at the waist with stiff fullness hanging from the waist to hem line, will make women hold up their heads and swagger around the street like cavalry officers on foot.

Next season's skirts on afternoon and evening dresses are cut wrap-round and fastened down the centre back with three buttons, the wrap-over flap hanging straight down the centre back.

EDWARDIAN evening dresses are an amusing contrast to the practical sheath-like dinner gowns we have been accustomed to wearing lately.

One in white chiffon with a high collar is fastened with blue satin bows, and another in turquoise blue chiffon with a high neckline is draped at the front of the bodice and has a bow of deep blue velvet at the back of the neck with long blue velvet streamers sweeping to the ground.

There are the Spanish evening dresses—one of Glenny's in white chiffon patterned with red and black is trimmed with black lace and has a black lace headdress.

HERE are a list of models which should give the student of fashion food for thought.

Motley's huge khaki cowboy hat worn with a grey suit.

Worth's enormous black and white shepherd's plaid three-quarter length coat cut with huge godets that make it swing out at the back, worn with a black skirt.

Dilkusha's grey dress with scarlet tartan sporan worn with a reversible glengarry of grey and tartan.

Mawdsley's khaki-coloured tight-fitting jacket worn with a black skirt and printed crepe blouse.

Motley's full-length mauve tweed evening coat with violets at the neck, and the olive-green corduroy coat cut in the new style with a full back.

Leathercraft's mustard suede dress with short sleeves worn over a three-quarter length grey suede coat flared at the back.

Bits To Cut Out

Knife Handles

DON'T you feel a fool when you are trying to cut a particularly tough piece of meat at dinner-time and the blade of your knife suddenly turns over on its side in the handle, which has become loose?

This happens because some one has left your knives lying in hot water while washing up, the handles becoming loose.

Here's the remedy. Detach the blade entirely from the handle and thoroughly clean the stem. Then melt some powdered resin (you can get some from your oilman) in a tin or an old saucepan over a gas-ring at the same time heating the stem of the blade.

Don't make it too hot, though, otherwise it might burn the handle, which is usually made of inflammable material. When the resin has melted sufficiently pour it over the stem and quickly insert it back into the handle. Don't use the knife for a couple of hours after this, as the resin must set firmly.

How To Freshen Cire Lace

LUSTROUS cire lace which has got dull and dirty can be sponged with warm soapy water and restored to its original stiffness and lustre in the following way:—

Make a thick starch paste by mixing two teaspoonfuls of starch in a cup of boiling water, and dissolve in this half an eggcupful of soap. Wet out the lace (after the sponging) in this paste and squeeze it well. Then iron it quickly with a very hot iron as hard as possible and until the lace is just dry. The combination of friction and drying, helped by the soap, makes the lace stiff and bright.

Good Cooking — *By Ambrose Heath*

SEMOLINA

MANY people are rightly fond of semolina, but we cannot always eat it as a pudding. Here are one or two recipes for using it in other ways. (I have not forgotten the delicious Italian gnocchi alla Romana, but I gave that recipe last October.)

Soup

Make some good, clear consomme (or buy a tin of it), bring it to the boil and sprinkle in half an ounce of semolina for every pint of consomme. Cook gently for 20 minutes, stirring nearly all the time, and after seasoning it to your liking, serve it.

Fritters

Cook 4 oz. of semolina in a pint of milk until it leaves the sides of the saucepan, then add an ounce of butter, 2 oz. of castor sugar and a little orange or lemon flavouring. When it is cool beat in the yolks of four eggs and then the whisked whites. Fry spoonfuls of this mixture brown on both sides in butter, and serve them, well drained, with a jam sauce.

With Cheese

Cook 4 oz. of semolina in a quart of milk for a quarter of an hour, then add 2 oz. of grated cheese, 2 oz. of butter, a teaspoonful of made mustard and salt, pepper and cayenne to taste. When well mixed put into a butter shallow fire-proof dish and sprinkle well with breadcrumbs mixed with grated cheese. Do over with butter and brown in a hot oven.

Stuffed Onions

Cook some semolina in stock instead of milk, and mix some grated cheese with it. Have some medium-sized Spanish onions, cut off the top a quarter the way down, and parboil them well. Now scoop out their insides, leaving the sides about a third of an inch thick. Chop up the scooped-out part and mix it with an equal amount of the prepared semolina. Then finish cooking the onions by brasing or baking.

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WORLD'S MOST POWERFUL WAR MACHINE

Russia Devotes One-Fourth of Revenue to Armaments

SOVIET HAS BIGGEST AIR FORCE ARMY IN WORLD'S HISTORY

This the first in a series of uncensored dispatches on "Europe's war machines" by Webb Miller, European news manager of the United Press. The material was obtained on an aerial tour of the various European capitals and is being written in London.

By Webb Miller
United Press Staff Correspondent
London, Apr. 10.

SOVIET RUSSIA to-day has the most powerful war machine in the world.

Her army is the biggest in peace-time history.

And compared with other old war nations her military position is practically invulnerable.

Those statements can be made with reasonable certainty on the basis of what I was permitted to learn or witness on a trip to Moscow—first stop on my flying survey of Europe's 1937 war machines. The statements are made with a full knowledge of the fact that the country's policy of secrecy has had a tendency to result in exaggeration abroad of the military power of the Soviets—a result which the Soviets naturally have encouraged.

The Soviets in 1937 are devoting one-fourth of their entire budget to military preparations, totalling 26,000,000,000 roubles, which, at the arbitrary exchange rate of five roubles to the dollar, would amount to $5,200,000,000.

In numbers alone the Soviet standing army is the largest in the world, totalling 1,300,000 which is double what it was four years ago.

The Union has a population of 170,000,000—the largest in the world except for China—to draw upon. At present, the population yields a conscription class of 2,000,000 a year, from which only the best are chosen, to serve from two to four years.

Russia has 2,250,000 trained reserves and 1,250,000 partially trained. In addition, 13,000,000 youths receive rudimentary preliminary training under the volunteer air and chemical defence society.

Furthermore, the Soviets decided to adopt Benito Mussolini's plan for preliminary military training of children from eight years old and upwards in drills, games and sports designed to imbue them with the military spirit.

An advantageous feature of the Soviet army is that only 27 per cent. is composed of non-permanent militia, the remainder being permanent through the conscription period.

Thus, the Soviets tower far above other European armies in numbers actually under arms, numbers of immediately-available trained reserves, and a vast pool of other man-power.

In two vital factors of modern warfare, the Soviets undoubtedly are heavily superior, that is, in numbers of airplanes and tanks, regarding which the utmost secrecy is preserved.

Only comparative figures are ever given in official reports. The latest, issued last January, said only that aviation strength had increased in four years by 330 per cent, and tanks corps strength 700 per cent.

The most conservative estimates of foreign observers indicate that the Soviets possess 3,000 military airplanes, including 500 bombers of modern design and efficiency. They agree that the number may be increased rapidly because the manufacturing plants are operating on a mass-production basis. An American engineer who visited one large plant said Russia is equipped for the biggest mass production of any European nation.

Although the efficiency of the American-model motors built in Russia under licence is not quite as high as those built in the United States, their general efficiency when fighting in Spain has been one of the biggest surprises of the civil war there.

Particularly astonishing in Spain was the performance of fast pursuit planes with two machine guns firing from the wings, operated by the pilot touching a button; two-inch cannon firing through the propellor and one machine gun firing from the tail. There is general agreement on the excellence of the Soviet pilots.

The Soviet union likewise excels in the number and variety of tanks, the lowest estimate of their number being 1,500. Some military writers put the total as much higher. They range in size from whippets to great crawling fortresses weighing about 48 tons.

The principal tank is modelled on the American Christie, weighing about 12 tons and making about 30 miles an hour on caterpillars, although capable of operating on wheels for long road travels.

The efficiency of the Christie-type medium tanks was exhibited in Spain, where their armouring and turret action so interested the Germans that one captured tank was reported to have been sent to Berlin for examination.

From the viewpoint of geographic vulnerability, the Soviets possess a far greater degree of safety from enemies than any nation except the United States. Vast, sparsely-populated districts must be crossed before any vulnerable point can be reached.

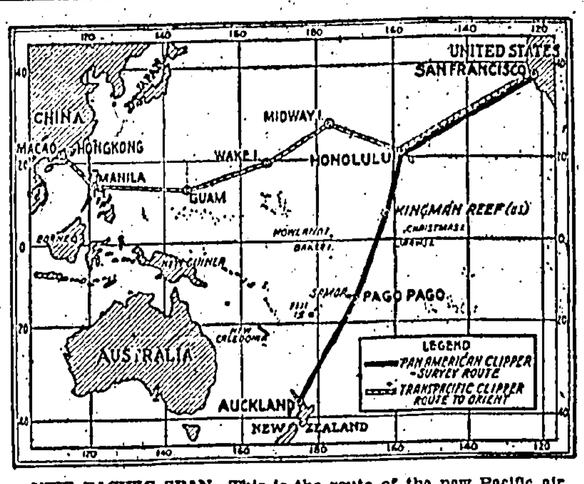
The Soviets are following the policy of centralizing their basic munitions industries in remote regions of the Urals and Baikal inaccessible to bombing.

Modern roads are being built for mobility within the union. The double-tracking of the trans-Siberian Railway is due for completion this year. The thousand mile new Baikal-Amur line, far north of the trans-Siberian, should be completed in a few years.

In the matter of war-time self-sufficiency, so important in modern warfare, the Soviets hold a position equalled by none, not even the United States. Natural resources are so varied and immense that Russia can supply herself with everything needed for munitions and the feeding of the army and civilians.

Natural rubber is lacking but Russia is piling up reserves and experimenting with synthetic production. Officials say hundreds of tons are being produced annually for military truck tires, and before many years Russia will be able to supply all her needs. Foreign engineers are not so optimistic.

Most foreign observers believe the Soviets have reached a point in efficiency of production which would enable the country to cope with a large-scale and long war. Nobody denies the high quality of the army personnel, which is well-nourished and excellently disciplined.



NEW PACIFIC SPAN—This is the route of the new Pacific air line, the trade route of nearly 7,000 miles from San Francisco to New Zealand. Following the route to Manila, the first section is to Honolulu. Then the route diverges to Kingman Reef, Pago Pago, in American Samoa, and on to Auckland.

Scotsmen Make The Best Husbands

Dudley, Worcestershire, Apr. 10.

IN the opinion of Miss Dorothy Round, Britain's No. 1 tennis player, whose engagement to Dr. Donald Leigh Little—a Scot—was announced recently, Scotsmen make the best husbands.

"I have great admiration for Scotsmen," Miss Round said. "They are steady and reliable—qualities which make them eminently suitable for husbands.

STAYING IN TENNIS

"My admiration for Scots appears to be shared by a great many English women. Miss Betty Nuthall, for instance, recently became engaged to a Scotsman."

Miss Round, who is on the National Advisory Council dealing with the nation's "Fitness" campaign, will continue with her tennis career.

After taking part in the Wimbledon Championships in June she may go on a tennis tour abroad.

Dr. Little, who is 28, is a graduate of Glasgow University, where he got his hockey "blue." He now plays hockey for Staffordshire.

The wedding will take place in September.

CHURCHES SHOULD UNITE

MR. J. D. ROCKEFELLER'S ADVICE

"SCRAP—THE—SMALLER BUILDINGS"

New York, Apr. 1.

Mr. John D. Rockefeller, junior, appealed strongly last night to the eleven Protestant churches in Tarrytown, a wealthy New York suburb, to form a co-operative church centre.

"Unless something is done to modernise the Church," he said, "it will ultimately disappear when we pass off the scene of life."

It was Mr. Rockefeller's first attempt to give a practical exposition of the theories he advanced in his February broadcast speech urging a united Christian Church.

Addressing more than a thousand worshippers at a union Lenten service in the Christ Episcopal Church, Mr. Rockefeller indicated that the Church as at present organised had outlived its usefulness.

"Do not misunderstand me; I am not suggesting religion has outlived its usefulness. On the contrary, it is the only hope of the world. I speak only of the Church to-day as man has made it."

Mr. Rockefeller drew an analogy from the field of education, which he has largely patronised, and suggested that if the principle of consolidation of small school units into modern educational centres is sound in education, why not in religion?

GREATER APPEAL TO YOUTH

He insisted on churches facing the issue: "Behold, I stand at the door and knock,' said Christ; will you let him in?"

He suggested that a united Church would have a much greater appeal for youth. He proposed a board of experts to survey the field and determine on a population basis how many church buildings were necessary and how much financial support was possible.

He predicted the experts would choose the best available church buildings and discard the rest.

The financier also indicated his dislike of the fast pace of the modern age. "I would rather have lived in the days of stage coaches than in this day of automobiles and radio. I would gladly dispense with the telephone and the radio if life's peace and calm could be brought back."

Most of the Tarrytown ministers approved of the suggestion, except the Rev. Ernest Edmond, of the Methodist Church, who said: "I am a fundamentalist, and have nothing in common with the modernist."

Mr. Rockefeller's proposal, like others advanced during the union Lenten series, will be considered by the laymen's committee after the series is concluded.

Scotland Yard "Who's Who" Of Crime

FOR CORONATION

London, Apr. 15.

Scotland Yard has prepared a large illustrated "Who's Who in Crime." The volume has been prepared as a precaution against the influx of criminals from all parts of the world during the Coronation.

The book contains the names, pictures and records of all persistent law breakers who may expect to make an illegal harvest from the coronation visitors.

There are special sections for confidence men, pickpockets, brokers of fraudulent stocks, hotel thieves and those notorious in gambling and vice traffics. A special supplement has been prepared for detectives at the ports who will be watching for foreigners that are under suspicion.

Information is included which comes to Scotland Yard from the police in the United States, the Dominions and the Continent. The book contains many pages of illustrations, each such page being followed by the descriptions and habits of those pictured.

This record, which has been brought up to date by the addition of many new names, is the revised edition of the "Black List" prepared for the Jubilee here two years ago. Every divisional police station in London will receive a copy.—*United Press.*

Woman Willed From Trance

New York, Apr. 15.

MRS. HELEN WILLS LOVE, Los Angeles murderess who willed herself into a "death trance" a week ago, was brought to her senses to-day by hypnotism.

As she opened her eyes she murmured: "You're Dr. Marcus." A few seconds later she talked lucidly.

Doctors think she will recover sufficiently to face sentence for the second-degree murder of her husband.

She shot Mr. Love, a wealthy broker, during New Year celebrations at a Santa Monica club. She said he refused to reveal their secret marriage to his mother, and accused the mother of coming between them.

Do You Know This About Malaria?

Though great strides have been made by Science in its fight against Malaria, this malady still remains one of the worst menaces to health in many parts of the world. Once contracted, the fever is liable to recur periodically, each attack leaving the victim in a more weakened condition.

Malaria is acquired through the bite of an infected mosquito which introduces the parasite into the human blood. If the blood is pure and strong its resists and overcomes the infection. So the best precaution to adopt against malaria is to keep your blood rich, red and plentiful. If you are already a malaria victim your immediate need is to improve the quality of your blood stream, for which purpose there is nothing better than Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, the famous blood builder and blood purifier to the merits of which many men and women, formerly malaria sufferers, like yourself, have gratefully testified.

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Why Spain Is In The Throes

Here is a useful summary of the events leading to the Spanish Civil War, by a United Press correspondent who has just completed five and a half months in besieged Madrid.

By Lester Ziffron
United Press Staff Correspondent.

Spain's political restlessness, which finally led to the bloodiest civil war the world has known in several centuries, started in past centuries when the country's Monarchs were descendants of foreign royal households.

Municipal elections in April, 1931, finally brought a republican triumph and the overthrow of the royalist regime, without the shedding of a single drop of blood! Something unusual for a Latin revolt. The cabinets which ruled for the next two years were Leftist, but a reaction set in. The masses expected the Republic to carry through a real revolution. Elections brought a right-wing victory and in October 1934, a bloody uprising, which resulted in several thousands being killed, many thousands wounded, and the filling of gaols with 30,000 rebels. Repressive measures such as summary executions and torture occurred in Asturias, the centre of the uprising. A new reaction set in against the Rightists who tolerated if they did not encourage such measures.

POLITICAL PARTIES

In February, 1936, the Leftists consisting of the Socialists, Republicans and Communists, organized into a Popular Front, won the parliamentary elections and returned to power. The masses, eager to avenge alleged persecution and knowing that the leading Rightist party—Accion Popular—was closely linked to the Catholic church, resorted to church and convent burning every time they found a real or apparent excuse. Their leaders painted the Rightists as Fascists and oppressors. The masses responded by open hostility towards the reactionary elements. Their chiefs did not favour church burnings, but after arousing the proletariat, it was difficult to check the wave of hatred which found expression in bonfires. The alleged intervention of the church in Spanish politics made it a target for the labouring class and Liberals.

A series of killings were committed by Socialists and Fascists. Finally Assault Guard Lieutenant Jose Castillo, a Socialist who had been giving military training to Socialist youth groups, was assassinated and fellow members of the assault guard corps took reprisal last summer by entering the home of Jose Calvo Sotelo, brilliant minister of finance of the Primo de Rivera dictatorship, and "taking him for a ride." They regarded him as an open sympathizer of the Fascists if not an actual leader and agitator.

Throughout this disquieting period it was apparent that persons dissatisfied with the election results were preparing an uprising. The Rightists had expected to win easily at the polls, but the masses had turned from them. These conservative elements feared a social revolution on the Russian style was in the offing and they decided to strike first.

The numerous disorders and threats of the Socialists and Communists caused many to believe that Spain would become a Communist. President Manuel Azana, a Left Republican, noted playwright and writer, pooh-poohed the possibility of Communism in Spain.

POOR CONDITIONS

The military revolt backed by the Rightist parties and sympathisers went off before schedule in order to take advantage of the protest provoked by Sotelo's assassination. It started about noon July 17, 1936, in Melilla, Spanish Morocco. A severe censorship was established but the *United Press* succeeded in giving the world the first news of the uprising which later developed into the civil war which has caused more than 250,000 deaths.

Many inquire: "How long will this last?" I personally believe the fighting will continue for many months, because I see no possibility of a compromise or a swift conclusion. It appears evident to-day that if foreign powers had not sent armament and airplanes to the rebels, that the Loyalists would have won. Likewise it seems evident that if foreign powers had not organized the non-intervention committee and prohibited the sale of arms to the Loyalists, the rebels would have been in hard straits.

I am asked whether a Rightist triumph would mean a Fascist regime such as that in Italy and Germany and whether a Leftist victory would signify the estblishment of a Red government. The former would bring something akin to Fascism but the latter probably would not go as far to the Left as their opponents claim.—*United Press.*

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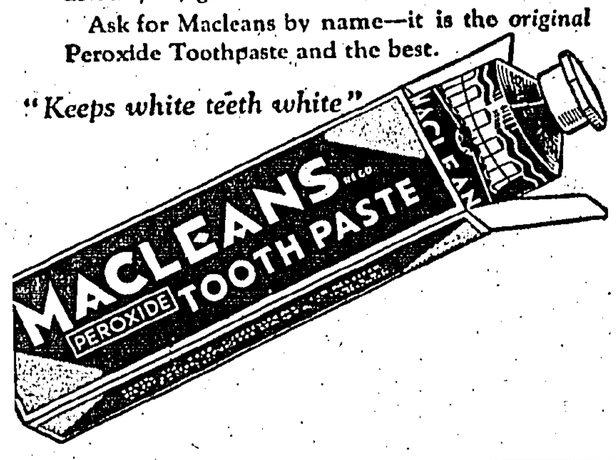

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All claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognized.

No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns.

No fire insurance has been effected.

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA,
Hongkong, 26th April, 1937.

THE LEAGUE'S WORK

INTERESTING CONVENTION ON NATIONALITY LAWS

Geneva, April 23.

The Permanent Central Opium Board, with the Chairman, Mr. Lyall (United Kingdom), finished its session on April 11 after arranging the work for the current year. The next session begins June 29.

The sub-Committee of the Unification of Customs Nomenclature has been sitting since April 20 to examine Section 11 (textile materials) of its draft nomenclature.

The permanent delegate for Finland with League of Nations signed a declaration on April 9, renewing the Government's acceptance of the Optional Clause in the Statute of the Permanent Court of International Justice.

The Committee of the International Repression of Terrorism began its session on April 20 with Count Carton de Wiart as Chairman, to review observations made by different Governments during the discussion in the first Assembly.

The Committee is now examining the draft convention article by article.

The session of the mixed Committee on Nutrition with Lord Astor as Chairman ended on April 17. The Committee completed its study of the documentary information submitted as a basis for discussion and formulated conclusions to be inserted in the report for the Council, which the sub-Committee will draft.

The April number of the monthly bulletin statistics contains besides the usual tables, information on gold production, gold reserves, the merchant marine and world trade.

As a result of the deposit of ten ratifications or accessions, and in conformity with Articles 26 and 10 respectively, the Convention on certain questions regarding the conflict of nationality laws of April 1930 and the protocol on certain cases of Statelessness of the same date, will come into force on July 10, 1937.

The convention was ratified by Norway, Monaco, Brazil, Sweden, the United Kingdom, Canada, Poland, China, India, and the Netherlands, and the protocol by Brazil, United Kingdom, India, Poland, China, Chili, Australia, Salvador, South Africa and the Netherlands.—*British Wireless.*

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BACK GOD OF HARLEM

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The more factual, earthly inclined know that, as George Baker, he began his grown life clipping Baltimore hedges in 1899. His apprenticeship to God-dom he served under one Morris, who now care-takes a country property, living content that he will never die—when he feels ill he jumps up and down until the illness is shaken off!

As, "the Messenger" Baker struck off on his own in 1912, travelled through Southern States, annexing eight devoted followers by the way. Living on a communal system (Baker in the background being God), he saved enough money by 1919 to pay 700 dollars down on a ten-roomed house in Sayville. Then he changed his name to Major J. Devine.

After a few months it became Rev. J. Divine—thence to Father and God (the God is nearly always in brackets).

HIS most devout English follower is Albert Murray, who works as part-time waiter at the Plaza Hotel.

Murray is a handsome young Irishman of about thirty, and says he is getting younger every day.

He has never seen Father Divine, but writes and cables him every week. Father Divine sometimes replies by letter, more often by mental telepathy. Murray says he knows a message is coming when the nerves under his skin start vibrating.

Then his stomach heaves, he hears a click, and the words come over. The letters he receives from the Father (dated always 1936 A.D.F.D., which seems a little muddled) all end with "...as this leaves me WELL, HEALTHY, JOYFUL, PEACEFUL, LOVELY, LOVING, SUCCESSFUL, prosperous, and happy in Spirit, Body, and Mind, and in every organ, muscle, sinew, vein and bone, and even in every atom, fibre, and cell of MY Bodily Form.

I am,
Rev. M. J. Divine." *Zoe Farmar*

JUDICIARY REFORM

POSSIBLE COMPROMISE ON COURT PROPOSALS

Washington, Apr. 24.

A *United Press* poll has revealed that at least half of the Judiciary Reform Committee are opposed to favourably reporting on the Supreme Court Bill. Both Connecticut senators, who were previously non-committal, have joined the opposition, making nine against and six for the Bill, three being uncertain. Indications are that it will be a 10-8 unfavourable report.

The administration officials insist that there are sufficient votes for the enactment of the Bill despite the fact that Senators Lonegan and Maloney will make 40 who have publicly opposed the Bill as compared with 35 who have publicly favoured it.

Despite the closeness, leaders insist that there will be no compromise.

Later.

There is now an increased possibility of a compromise on the Supreme Court proposals. Nine members of the Judiciary Committee are believed to be opposed to the measures and eight are in favour, one being undecided.—*United Press.*

Betty Compson To Visit H.K.

Coming Here With Baseball Team

Miss Betty Compson, popular film actress, will sail for Hongkong in the Dollar liner President Hoover on September 7 with a soft ball baseball team which she has organised among Hollywood motion picture studio girls.

The team began a tour of the United States on April 2. The tour will be followed by the visit to the Far East.

Miss Compson was in Hongkong two years ago, when she made a personal appearance at the Alhambra Theatre with Cowan and Bailey, popular entertainers.

On the forthcoming trip she intends to visit Japan, Shanghai, Hongkong, Manila, Singapore and Bombay, returning to the United States via Europe.

FRANCE RUSHES DEFENCE PLANS

(Continued from Page 1.)

research to discover domestic substitutes for gasoline.

DECLINING STRENGTH

Up to 1933, or the advent of Hitler, France was conceded to have the most powerful military machine in the world, but because of the financial stringency, its efficiency and strength was allowed to decline, especially in the air force. Planes were allowed to become obsolete, while other powers, notably Germany, Italy and Russia, were building.

France now is engaged in an effort to regain her former pre-eminence in Western Europe. Her military situation is conditioned by the fact that Germany has half again as large a population, with militarisation unhindered by Parliamentarian checks and almost unfettered control of industries.

Moreover, France, with a birth rate lower than Germany's and constantly falling, now faces the so-called "lean years" due to subnormal births during the War.

TRAINED RESERVES

The total standing army at present is 654,000, of whom 213,00 are overseas, but France possesses a momentary advantage over Germany with more than 6,000,000 trained reserves. On the other hand, France has failed to develop the pre-military training of boys on the big scale undertaken by Italy and Germany.

Special attention is being paid to reorganising the army on a mechanical basis, extending motorisation and increasing the present 25 tank battalions.

About half the artillery is already motorised and additional infantry regiments are being put on wheels.

The air force is in the process of complete renovation. Air Minister Pierre Cot told the Chamber of Deputies:

"In six months we have increased the number of airplanes available by 37 per cent., equipment by 40, munitions by 50 and armaments by 70 per cent. Only one air force is superior to ours, Soviet Russia's."

The new developments feature an ultra-fast combination of bomber and fighter. Perhaps the most novel factor, about which little information is permitted to escape, is the the aerial mine-layer. A plane flying high above the danger of anti-aircraft fire carries a powerful mine. When near a vital bridge or railway or military concentration, the plane lowers the mine, attached to a cable perhaps a mile or two long. It is released when over the strategic point.

The air force personnel is being increased by 1,000 officers and 10,000 men. Expenditures on the force total nearly one-fifth of the whole defence budget.—*United Press.*

WORLD WHEAT SHORTAGE

Washington, April 24.

The Department of Agriculture has reported that a normal yield of wheat must be harvested in the Northern Hemisphere this year to check the threatened further world decline in this commodity.

The report draws attention to the fact that for three successive years, the small production has rendered the world wheat carry-over below normal.—*United Press.*

BLACKMAIL GANG

THREATENING LETTERS IN CANTON

Canton, April 25.

Owners of Canton amusement houses, including cinema theatres and roof garden amusement parks, are much annoyed by a gang of blackmailers, who style themselves the Tung Yip Tong. Several owners have received blackmailing letters during the past few days demanding $5,000 and threatening to create trouble in their theatres if they fail to meet the demands.

Reports have been made to the Canton Police, who are combing the city.

All the letters received seem to have been written by the same person and the contents are almost the same. They generally state that $5,000 should be given to them through a certain man, who will arrive at a certain hour and place.

In order to ensure the safety of their customers the theatre owners have requested the Police to send more detectives to patrol the vicinity of each theatre.—*Wah Kiu Yat Po.*

Shipping Intelligence

Shipping Companies are requested to forward, as early as possible information regarding arrivals, departures, time and mooring place and other movements. Urgent information should be telephoned to the shipping Editor, Phone 26615.

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KUTSANG (J.M.) for Kobe, 5 p.m., Kowloon Wharf. 30311.
NINGHAI (B. & S.) for Swatow, 10 a.m., West Point. 30331.
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HAIYANG (Douglas) for Swatow, 5 p.m., Douglas Wharf. 28037.
TJISADANE (J.C.J.L.) for Bali, 10 a.m., midstream. 28015.

VESSELS DUE

ANTILOCHUS (B. & S.), May 17.
BENREOCH (Ben Line), Apr. 30.
CALCHAS (B. & S.), May 3.
CITY OF ELWORD (States), Apr. 29.
EMPRESS OF CANADA (C.P.S.), May 7.
EURYLOCHUS (B. & S.), Apr. 28.
FULDA (Melcher's), May 11.
GENERAL LEE (States), Apr. 30.
GERTRUDE MAERSK (Jebsen), Apr. 27.
GNEISENAU (Melcher's), May 13.
HAVEL (Melcher's), May 17.
HAVELLAND (Jebsen), May 9.
HOSANG (J.M.), May 15.
ISLAMI (J.M.), May 12.
JAVA (E.A.C.), May 10.
KELLERWALD (Jebsen), April 30.
KWAISANG (J.M.), Apr. 28.
LEESANG (J.M.), May 2.
LEVERKUSEN (Jebsen), Apr. 29.
MALAYA (E. A. C.), May 7.
MAUSANG (J.M.), Apr. 30.
MEDON (B. & S.), May 27.
MENELAUS (B. & S.), May 9.
MENESTHEUS (B. & S.), May 9.
NELEUS (B. & S.), May 28.
NORDHAVET (Jebsen), Apr. 27.
PETER MAERSK (Jebsen), Apr. 30.
PHILOCTETES (B. & S.), May 31.
TAI PING (Dodwell), May 17.
TALABOT (Thoresen), May 5.
TJINEGARA (J.C.J.L.), Apr. 27.
TROJA (Thoresen), May 2.
TYNDAREUS (B. & S.), May 8.
UFFINTON COURT (Melchers), May 3.
VAN HEUTSZ (J.C.J.L.), May 4.
WOOLGOR (E.A.C.), May 3.
YUENSANG (J.M.), May 6.
ZUIDERKERK (J.C.J.L.), May 10.

EMPRESS OF ASIA

The R.M.S. Empress of Asia is due here from Manila at 8 a.m. on Wednesday, April 28 and will berth at Kowloon Wharf. She will sail for Victoria and Vancouver, B.C., via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Yokohama at noon on Friday, April 30.

S. S. MAUSANG

The s.s. Mausang of the Indo-China Steam Navigation Co., Ltd., is expected to arrive here from Sandakan on Friday, April 30 and is scheduled to sail for Sandakan on Friday, May 7 at 10 a.m.

THREE WEDDINGS ON SATURDAY

ONE SOLEMNISED AT CATHEDRAL

Dressed in a charming magnolia satin and tulle dress with lace veil, and carrying a bouquet of arum lilies Miss Kathleen Dallas Fisher, daughter of the late Capt. Frank Tasman Fisher, and Mrs. Janette Blanche Fisher, formerly of Sydney, Australia, and now residing in Kowloon, became the wife of Mr. Leonard William Hume, son of the late Mr. Joseph James Hume, and Mrs. Lucy Anne Hume, of London, England, at St. John's Cathedral on Saturday afternoon.

The Rev. H. W. Baines officiated.

The bride, who was given away by Col. F. Parloni, was attended by her sister, Miss Allison Fisher, and Miss Doris Hunt, who were attired in blue lace and organdie dresses (Empire style) and carried bouquets of pink larkspur.

The bride's mother wore a dress of cream chiffon velvet trimmed with black velvet.

The duties of best man were carried out by Mr. F. K. Garton, while appropriate music was rendered during the service by Mr. Lindsay A. Lafford.

After the ceremony a reception was held in the Cathedral Hall, and, after the health of the happy couple had been toasted, they left for Fanling where they are spending their honeymoon. The bride's going-away dress was of pastile blue chiffon.

Kowloon Wedding

In a happy ceremony at the Union Church, Kowloon, on Saturday, Mr. Arthur George Parker and Miss Myfanwy Jones were married.

The bridegroom is the eldest son of Captain and Mrs. G. Parker, of the Hampshire Regiment. The bride is the youngest daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Jones, of Ruthin, Denbighshire. She arrived from home in the Hector on Friday.

The bride was given away by Captain W. M. Christie. She made a charming picture in a gown of cream-coloured lace, effectively set off with a bouquet of white arum lilies and white heather.

The bridesmaid was Miss Gladys K. Saunders, whose frock was of navy crepe-de-chine, with navy hat, eye veil, and accessories to match, and a bouquet of pink carnations for pleasing contrast.

Mrs. J. W. S. Hood was Matron of Honour, her two-piece costume being of white crepe-de-chine trimmed with blue lace and completed with blue hat and accessories.

Mr. Ronald A. Edwards supported the bridegroom as best man.

The Rev. J. D. McLean conducted the service, in the course of which two hymns, "O Perfect Love," and "Now Thank We All Our God," were sung, Mrs. G. Shaw being at the organ.

After the ceremony the happy couple adjourned to the Peninsula Hotel, when a reception was held.

The honeymoon is being spent at Repulse Bay.

Chinese Wedding

A student in engineering at the Hongkong University and a pupil of St. Agnes Girls' School were married at the Registry on Saturday morning.

The parties were Mr. Chan Siu-shum, son of the late Mr. Chan Cho-yum, and Miss Lam Yau-ching, daughter of Mr. Lam Po-hang, retired merchant.

Mr. J. Whyatt, Deputy Registrar of Marriages, officiated and the witnesses were the bride's father and Mr. Chan Leung-yuk, uncle of the bridegroom.

AMBULANCE PARADE

WORK OF LOCAL BRIGADE ADVERTISED BY MARCH

Stepping out smartly to tuneful music provided by a Chinese Y.M.C.A. band, several hundred members of the St. John Ambulance Brigade paraded in uniform through the town yesterday afternoon. They started from the Brigade Headquarters at Tai Hang Road, and proceeded as far as West Point before dispersing.

The purpose of the parade was to draw attention to the work of the Brigade and to a public drive for funds to be instituted at a later date with the holding of a Flag Day.

POST OFFICE.

PAN AMERICAN AIRWAYS POSTAGE RATES

The first flight by Pan American Airways from San Francisco to Hongkong is expected to arrive at Hongkong on Wednesday, April 28, and return to San Francisco on Thursday, April 29. The postage rates for this service will be as follows:—

To Manila	35 cents per ½ oz.
To Guam	80 cents per ½ oz.
To Honolulu	$1.60 cents per ½ oz.
To U.S.A.	$2.80 cents per ½ oz.

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Time of closing this mail will be announced later.

POSTAL ANNOUNCEMENT

The Public are reminded that the postage on Printed Papers, Commercial Papers, Samples and Small Packets must be fully prepaid. Insufficiently prepaid Printed Papers etc. are not forwarded.

VIA SIBERIA ROUTE

Letters, Postcards and Samples for Europe and South America are forwarded "via Siberia" if so superscribed.

INWARD MAILS

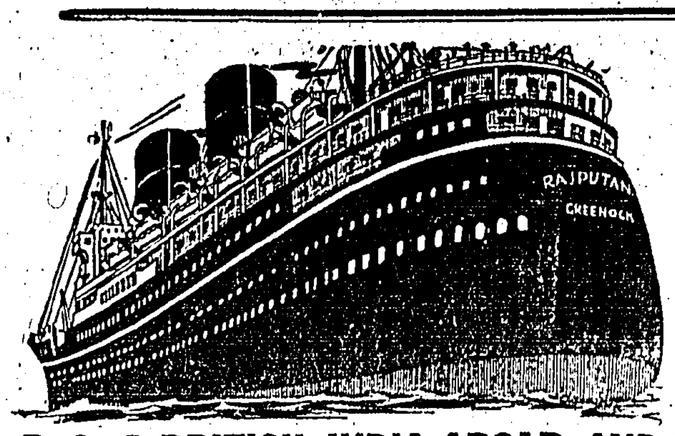
Swatow	Hoihow	April 26.
Shanghai and Swatow	Kwangchow	April 26.
Straits	Malacca Maru	April 26.
Straits	Anyo Maru	April 27.
Haiphong	Canton	April 27.
Haiphong, Pakhoi and Hoihow	Kwangtung	April 27.
Airmail by "Imperial Airways direct Service" London date 17th April.	**Imperial Airways Plane**	**April 27.**
Shanghai	Mayebashi Maru	April 27.
Shanghai and Amoy	Newchwang	April 27.
Shanghai	Radnorshire	April 27.
Calcutta and Straits	Santhia	April 27.
Java	Tjinegara	April 27.
Manila	Emp. of Asia	April 28.
Air Mail by "Pan-American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 21st April	**Pan-American Airways Plane**	**April 28.**
Straits and Europe via Suez (Letters and Papers) London, 1st April and London Parcels (London date, 26th March).	Rawalpindi	April 28.
Shanghai	Tokushima Maru	April 28.
Bangkok and Swatow	Kaigan	April 29.
Japan	Nellore	April 29.
Shanghai	General Lee	April 30.
Manila	Pres. Hoover	April 30.
U. S. A., Canada, Japan and Shanghai (Seattle 10th April)	Pres. McKinley	April 30.
Japan and Shanghai	Rajputana	April 30.
Haiphong	G. G. Paul Doumer	May 1.
Saigon	Porthos	May 2.
Amoy	Tjikarang	May 2.
Straits	Calchas	May 3.
Straits	Houtman	May 3.
Shanghai	Jean Laborde	May 4.
Shanghai	Tyndareus	May 8.

OUTWARD MAILS

Registered and Parcel Mails are closed 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated, and where mails are advertised to close at or before 9 a.m., registered and parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m. on the previous day.

For	Per	Date and Time.
Monday		
Fort Bayard	Wing Wo	Mon., Apr. 26, 12.30 p.m.
Swatow and Amoy	Anshun	Mon., Apr. 26, 1.30 p.m.
Japan	Kutsang	Mon., Apr. 26, 3.30 p.m.
Tuesday		
Manila, Makasser and Sourabaya	Tjisadane	Tues., Apr. 27, 8.30 a.m.
Air Mail for Canton and Districts	**C.N.A.C. plane**	**Tues., Apr. 27.**
	G.P.O. and K.P.O.	
	Reg., Apr. 27, Noon.	
	Letters, Apr. 27, 12.30 p.m.	
Amoy	Kiangsu	Tues., Apr. 27, 5 p.m.
Air Mail for Swatow, Amoy, Foochow and North China (via Shanghai)	**C.N.A.C. plane**	**Tues., Apr. 27.**
	Sheungwan P. O.	
	Reg., Apr. 27, 5 p.m.	
	Letters, Apr. 27, 7 p.m.	
K. P. O.	**G. P. O.**	
Reg., Apr. 27, 5 p.m.	**Reg., Apr. 27, 5 p.m.**	
Letters, Apr. 27, 5.30 p.m.	**Letters Apr. 28, 5 a.m.**	
Wednesday		
Amoy	Taiyuan	Wed., Apr. 28, 3.30 p.m.
Haiphong and *Batavia	Tjikembang	Wed., Apr. 28, 4 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Tai Suen Hong	Wed., Apr. 28, 5 p.m.
Thursday		
Shanghai, Japan and *Europe via Siberia	Rawalpindi	Thurs., Apr. 29, 10.30 a.m.
Swatow	Prominent	Thurs., Apr. 29, 3.30 p.m.
Friday		
Letters for "Imperial Airways Direct Service."	**Imperial Airways Plane,**	**Fri., Apr. 30.**
	G. P. O. and K. P. O.	
(Due London 9th May.)	**Reg. Apr. 30, 8.30 a.m.**	
	Letters Apr. 30, 9.30 a.m.	
Letters for Australia by "Imperial Airways Service."	**Imperial Airways Plane**	**Fri., Apr. 30.**
	K.P.O. & G.P.O.	
(Due Darwin 4th May.)	**Reg. Apr. 30, 8.30 a.m.**	
	Letters Apr. 30, 9.30 a.m.	
Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A., and *Europe via Vancouver B.C.	Emp. of Asia	Fri., Apr. 30,
(Parcels for Canada only)—due Vancouver B.C. 17th May and *Europe via Siberia.	Parcels,	Apr. 29, 5 p.m.
	Reg.,	Apr. 30, 9.15 a.m.
	Letters,	Apr. 30, 10 a.m.
Holhow, Pakhoi and *Haiphong	Kingyuan	Fri., Apr. 30, 1 p.m.
Haiphong	Canton	Fri., Apr. 30, 2 p.m.
Saturday		
Manila, Rebaul, Australia and New Zealand via Brisbane. (Due Brisbane 18th May).	Nellore	Sat., May 1.
	Parcels	Fri., Apr. 30, 5 p.m.
	Reg.	Fri., Apr. 30, 5 p.m.
	Letters	Sat., May 1, 8.30 a.m.
Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, U.S.A., Central and South America, Canada and *Europe via San Francisco (Due San Francisco, 19th May)	Pres. Hoover	Sat., May 1.
	Parcels,	Apr. 30, 5 p.m.
	Reg.,	May 1, 9.15 a.m.
	Letters,	May 1, 10 a.m.
Letters for "K. L. M. Service." (Due Amsterdam 10th May.)	**Rajputana**	**Sat., May 1.**
	G. P. O. and K. P. O.	
	Reg. May 1, 9.30 a.m.	
	Letters May 1, 10 a.m.	
Straits, Ceylon, India, East and South Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles. (Due Marseilles, 28th May).	Rajputana	Sat., May 1.
	G.P.O. and K.P.O.	
	Parcels,	Apr. 30, 5 p.m.
	Reg.,	May 1, 9.45 a.m.
	Letters,	May 1, 10.30 a.m.
Manila	Pres. McKinley	Sat., May 1, 4.30 p.m.
Shanghai, Japan and *Europe via Siberia	Porthos	Sat., May 1, 5 p.m.
Tuesday		
Air Mail for "France-Orient Service" (Due Marseilles, 16th May)	**Jean Lahordo**	**Tues., May 4.**
	G. P. O. and K. P. O.	
	Reg., May 4, 8.30 a.m.	
	Letters, May 4, 9 a.m.	
Saigon, Ceylon, India, *East and *South Africa, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles (Due Marseilles, 1st June)	Jean Laborde	Tues., May 4.
	G.P.O. and K.P.O.	
	Reg.,	May 4, 8.45 a.m.
	Letters,	May 4, 9.30 a.m.
Batavia	Tjikarang	Tues., May 4, 9.30 a.m.
Shanghai, Japan and *Europe via Siberia	Terukuni Maru	Tues., May 4, 3.30 p.m.

*Superscribed correspondence only.



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Rajputana	17,000	1st May.	Marseilles & London.
RANPURA	17,000	15th May.	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
*Mirzapore	7,000	20th May.	Bombay & Karachi.
*SOMALI	7,000	22nd May	Marseilles, Havre, London, Hamburg, Rotterdam, Antwerp & Hull.
Rawalpindi	17,000	29th May.	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
CORFU	14,500	12th June.	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
*Bangalore	6,000	19th June.	Marseilles, Havre, London, Hamburg, Rotterdam, Antwerp & Hull.

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TILAWA	10,000	11th May		
SANTHIA	8,000	22nd May		
TALMA	10,000	5th June	Penang, Rangoon & Calcutta.	
SIRDHANA	8,000	19th June		

EASTERN & AUSTRALIAN SAILINGS

NELLORE	7,000	1st May	Manila, Rabaul, Brisbane, Sydney.
TANDA	7,000	4th June	
NANKIN	7,000	2nd July.	Melbourne & Hobart.

SAILINGS TO SHANGHAI & JAPAN

SANTHIA	8,000	29th Apr.	Amoy, Shanghai & Japan.
Rawalpindi	17,000	29th Apr.	Shanghai & Japan.
TANDA	7,000	6th May.	Shanghai & Japan.
*Bangalore	6,000	11th May.	Shanghai & Japan.
TALMA	10,000	13th May	Amoy, Shanghai & Japan.
CORFU	14,500	13th May.	Shanghai & Japan.
Sirdhana	8,000	27th May.	Amoy, Shanghai & Japan.

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STEAMER	Due H'Kong	Leaves H'Kong	Leaves Manila	Due Sydney
TAIPING	11 May	18 May	21 May	6 June
CHANGTE	8 June	15 June	18 June	4 July
TAIPING	9 July	16 July	19 July	4 Aug.
CHANGTE	6 Aug.	13 Aug.	16 Aug.	1 Sept.

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THE CORONATION

OFFICIAL PROGRAMME ON SALE

The Official Souvenir Programme of the Coronation of King George VI and Queen Elizabeth is now available to the public.

Through its pages it is possible to measure much of the significance of the Coronation; to share, even at this distance across the seas, something of the sentiments of the times with those nearer to the scene of history in the making. With dignity and beauty the Programme presents the religious devotions and traditional rites of a ceremony that is over 1,000 years old.

There is a personal foreword by His Royal Highness the Duke of Gloucester. "It is the object of the Trust," writes the Duke, "that, carried by land, sea and air, this Programme shall reach British subjects wherever they may be, in city, waste or wilderness. Its pages may enable one and all to participate more easily, in spirit if not in person, at the solemn ceremony which, on May 12th, is being enacted in the capital of the Empire."

The Programme is a production of distinction. The embossed cover with a protective transparent wrapper bears the Royal Coat of Arms in full colours and gold. John Masefield, the Poet Laureate, contributes "A Prayer for the King's Reign," and pleads:

"Make wise the councils of the men who sway
The Britain here, the Britains far away:
And grant us all, that every rightness willed
In this beginning reign may be fulfilled."

The note of Empire thus struck by the Poet Laureate echoes through the Programme, and, in an early page, is symbolised by the reproduction of the arms and crests of those races of the world that dwell under the British flag.

Empire Significance

In an article on "The King's Majesty," John Drinkwater also emphasises the Empire significance of the Coronation.

"No more than some 7,000 people will witness the King's crowning in Westminster Abbey," he writes, "and even the vast crowd assembled to see him pass in State from Buckingham Palace and back again will number less than as many million. But waiting with these in united loyalty on the event will be the 500,000,000 citizens of an Empire that is established in every part of the globe."

Allied to the radio broadcast, the Programme will make the Coronation a vital, living occasion to those many thousands of miles away.

Among its contents are special photographs of Their Majesties King George VI and Queen Elizabeth, Her Majesty Queen Mary, His Royal Highness the Duke of Gloucester, and Their Royal Highnesses the Princess Elizabeth and the Princess Margaret.

In a short illustrated biography of the King is told the story of his youth, of his service in the Great War, in which he fought at Jutland, of his public-spirited activities in many spheres through many years before his elevation to the Throne.

Of unusual interest is an aerial view of Buckingham Palace, the Royal home in the heart of London. Here can be seen the inner quadrangle, whence the King will leave for his crowning.

Procession Described

There is a description of the Coronation procession, a cavalcade of Empire as brilliant as any ever seen, and a pictorial map of the route which will enable the listener-in to follow with ease the spectacle on May 12th.

The full text of the Coronation Service in the ancient Westminster Abbey is published, with a preface by his Grace the Lord Archbishop of Canterbury. The actual form and order of the beautiful investiture and crowning, and the words the King and Bishops will speak are given in full.

Sir Gerald Wollaston, Garter Principal King of Arms, outlines and explains the ritual of the Coronation Ceremony, dating from the eighth century—possibly the oldest State ceremonial in the world. In words and pictures he reveals the significance of the Spurs and the Ring, the Ampulla and Anointing Spoon, the Cap of State, the Swords of Spiritual Justice, of State, of Mercy. The Sceptre and Orbs and the Crowns to be worn by the King can be seen. There is a picture of the Coronation Chair.

And, in a Genealogical Table, the Programme traces the descent of the Crown, step by step through the Houses of Normandy, Anjou, Lancaster, York, Tudor, Stuart, Hanover, Saxony and Windsor, from William the Conqueror in 1066 to the present day.

The Official Souvenir Programme of the Coronation is unique as a guide to an event on which the eyes of the world are focused, as a treasured memento, and as a valuable historical document.

Copies Distributed

Thousands of copies of this programme are being ordered at Home from the King's Jubilee Trust, by commercial organisations with interests in all parts of the world.

The programmes, with a specially printed presentation band, will be distributed to customers of the organisations which represent many branches of commerce and industry including banking, chemicals, insurance, wireless, films, shipping and telegraphs.

Arrangements have been made for every patient in English and Welsh hospitals to follow the Coronation ceremonies by the free distribution of programmes. This has been made possible by the Philco Radio and Television Corporation, who are meeting the entire cost.

The specially designed Overseas edition of the programme has been on sale in all parts of the Empire since April 23.

ANZAC DAY SERVICE

CEREMONY AT THE CENOTAPH

Anzac Day, commemorating the heroic landing of Australian and New Zealand troops at Suvla Bay 22 years ago, was celebrated in Hongkong yesterday by many men who actually took part in the assault.

The ceremony was arranged by the Australian and New Zealand Association. A naval contingent and the Seaforth Highlanders were strongly represented.

Over 50 civilians were grouped round the Cenotaph at 10 a.m. when buglers of the Seaforths sounded the Last Post, signalising the beginning of two minutes of remembrance. The Seaforth Pipers then played the lament "Flowers of the Forest," marching slowly round the Cenotaph. The buglers sounded Reveille and wreaths were laid.

Mr. C. de S. Robertson and Mr. G. Dudley, Jnr., (representing his father) carried a wreath "For fallen Comrades." Both Mr. Robertson and Mr. Dudley Snr. were at the Suvla Bay landing. Dr. L. T. Ride and Mr. J. L. Anderson laid a wreath "From the Australian and New Zealand Association," made with a rising sun in the form of badge of the A. & N.Z. Army Corps; Sergt.-Major C. E. Terry laid a wreath "From all ranks of the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps;" and wreaths were also sent by "the Commodore, Officers and men of the China Fleet."

Paymaster-Cmdr. M. A. W. Sweny represented Rear-Admiral C. G. Sedgwick, Commodore, and among those present were: Dr. L. T. Ride (President of the A. & N.Z. Association), Messrs. R. J. McNeill, Hon. Secretary; N. Stockton, Hon. Treasurer; J. Wolfe, H. Brokenshire, J. L. Anderson, T. Ingram (Committee). Cmdr. P. S. Smith, H.M.S. Suffolk; Mr. E. A. Pratt, Mrs. F. Blakey and the Rev. H. R. Wells.

Church Service

The ceremony at the Cenotaph was followed by a special service conducted at the Union Church by the Rev. J. Mackenzie Dow. The music was provided by the band of the Seaforth Highlanders and there were many military and naval uniforms in the large congregation. Special prayers and hymns were offered. The lessons were read by Dr. Ride.

Taking as his text: "Sir, we would see Jesus," the preacher said he had chosen these words as appropriate because there was a danger that the annual Remembrance Day services were becoming hackneyed, trite and platitudinal. Words such as these would bring them back to the origin and truth of the observances. Remembrance was a great duty; it was also the least reward of those who had laid down their lives. They knew that their memories would not be perpetuated because a new generation who knew nothing of the stirring events of Anzac Day, was gradually growing up and ousting the old generation. The Battle of Waterloo was not commemorated in our day: how ironical it was to read that "their names shall live for evermore!"

Though fashions changed, goodness, justice, truth and self-sacrifice earned immortality in their own right and there was consolation in the fact that in the sight of God, the memory of gallant men would live on. The purpose of Remembrance Days such as this was to confirm a sometime feeble faith.

RADIO BROADCAST

(Continued from Page 7.)

GSD	11,750	k.c.	25.52 metres
GSE	11,865	k.c.	25.28 metres
GSF	15,140	k.c.	19.82 metres
GSG	17,790	k.c.	16.86 metres
GSH	21,470	k.c.	13.97 metres
GSI	15,260	k.c.	19.66 metres
GSJ	21,540	k.c.	19.66 metres
GSL	6,110	k.c.	49.10 metres
GSO	15,180	k.c.	19.76 metres
GSP	15,310	k.c.	19.60 metres

Transmission 1

(G.S.D., G.S.O., G.S.G.)
2 p.m. 'Big Ben.' 'Gallipoli.'
2.50 p.m. A Violoncello Recital by Antonia Butler.
3.10 p.m. 'A Hundred Years Ago'—4. A talk by John C. Maude.
3.25 p.m. The News and Announcements. Greenwich Time Signal at 3.30 p.m.
3.45 p.m. "Music of the Western Isles." Introduced by the Rev. Kenneth MacLeod, D.D., with Hugh MacKay (Tenor).

Transmission 2

(G.S.D., G.S.G., G.S.H.)
6.45 p.m. Big Ben. 'Swift Serenade.' Tommy Matthews and his Concert Orchestra.
7.15 p.m. 'Names that Are History'—5. An extract from 'The Life of Joseph Chamberlain' by J. L. Garvin.
7.30 p.m. 'British Light Music.' The B.B.C. Orchestra (Section E).
8.15 p.m. 'The First Days of Steam.' The story of the first voyage entirely under steam from Liverpool to New York.
8.40 p.m. Musical Interlude.
8.45 p.m. Frank Ree and his Orchestra.
9 p.m. 'Tunes Everybody Knows'—2.
9.30 p.m. The News and Announcements. Greenwich Time Signal at 9.45 p.m.

Transmission 3

(G.S.D., G.S.F., G.S.H.)
10.15 p.m. Big Ben. Horace Finch, at the Organ of the Empress Ballroom, Blackpool.
10.45 p.m. 'All in Pink.' A broadcast revue by Lauri Wylie.
11.30 p.m. A Sonata Recital by Frederick Grinke (Canadian Violinist) and Dorothy Manley (Pianoforte). Sonata in A: (1) Allegretto ben moderato (2) Allegro (3) Recitativo—Fantasia (4) Allegretto poco mosso (Cesar Franck).
12 a.m. Variety.
12.10 a.m. The News and Announcements. Greenwich Time Signal at 12.30 a.m.
12.30 a.m. Charles Ernesco and his Quintet, with Webster Booth.

CINEMA NOTES

Seventeenth Century New England, where high ideals clashed with bigotry, romance with grim reality, and glamour with the severe austerity of the Puritan fathers, comes to life again at the Queen's, Alhambra and Star Theatres, to-day in a powerful and highly romantic motion picture, "Maid of Salem," by far and away one of the biggest pictures of the current season. The action begins in old Salem town, in the Massachusetts colony, just before the witch hysteria breaks out. Miss Colbert, an orphan, is beloved by all with the exception of Miss Sondergaard, who is suspicious of her friendship with her husband, Harvey Stephens, and certain strait-laced elders who think her too frivolous and "gay". She meets MacMurray, a fugitive cavalier from Virginia, who is hiding in the home of his uncle and a friendship begins. There are secret meetings in the forest where the handsome cavalier teaches the girl the stately measures of the gavotte and later declares his love. Unknown to them, they are seen. MacMurray returns to Virginia, promising to come back to Salem as soon as wins vindication. Shortly afterwards, news is brought to Salem that the devil had "appeared" in Boston and was on his way to that village. Panic and fear grip the colony. Bonita Granville, a precocious youngster, is the first to be "afflicted". Her testimony leads to the condemnation of an old slave woman. Others are accused and condemned to die as witches, mostly on the testimony of Miss Granville and her companions. When Miss Colbert attempts to reason with the fear-crazed colonists, she too is accused and brought to trial. Here it is brought out that she had been seen dancing in the forest with a tall, handsome stranger who, her accusers declare, was the devil himself. Afraid to reveal the identity of her lover for fear it would mean his death, she refuses to name the mysterious stranger, and is condemned to die. She is saved in a breath-taking climax when MacMurray reappears and proves that he is the man who danced with the girl and, far from being the Evil One, he is a very personable and charming young man. This awakens the Salemites to the folly of the witchcraft and it ends as suddenly as it broke out.

"The Last of Mrs. Cheyney"

Frank Morgan thought no one was watching him. Walking on tip-toes, he moved into the spacious white banquet room and circled the long decorated tabel, scanning the place cards. He came to the card inscribed to "Mrs. Fay Cheyney". Beside it was another card, for "Lord Arthur Dilling." Morgan glanced around to assure himself he was not being watched, than removed "Dilling's" card and replaced it with his own. Which meant that Morgan, as Lord Francis Kelton, wanted to sit next to Joan Crawford and crowd out Robert Montgomery. But Morgan was not alone in the big banquet scene. He had a large gallery, clustered behind the camera, and he was suddenly interrupted by Director Richard Boleslawski's booming voice: "No, no Frank—not like that! You danced into the scene like a kangaroo. You are a dignified English lord, please remember." Morgan rehearsed the scene a few more times until it was perfect. Then Morgan's antics were repeated by Montgomery who stealthily slid into the scene and reversed the placed cards again. In "The Last of Mrs. Cheyney," her latest picture for Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer, now at the King's Theatre, Miss Crawford is the lovely American adventuress who, aided by William Powell, almost fleeces the British social leaders of their priceless jewels.

"Libelled Lady"

Jean Harlow, William Powell, Myrna Loy and Spencer Tracy came to the Majestic Theatre screen yesterday—all in one picture—and that picture, "Libelled Lady," proved a grand field day of hilarity, glistening personalities and an entertainment-packed plot. Jean Harlow has the comedy hit role of her career as the dashing spitfire Gladys who loves Spencer Tracy so much that she's even willing to marry another man in order to help Tracy out of a hole. William Powell and Myrna Loy, fresh from their joint triumph in "The Great Ziegfeld," are again irresistibly engaging in the respective roles of a reporter who schemes to compromise a lady in order to force her to drop a libel suit and the lady herself who neatly turns the tables when the man who seeks to victimise her falls in love with her instead! Jack Conway, who earlier proved his worth with the triumphant filmisation of "A Tale of Two Cities" directed "Libelled Lady."

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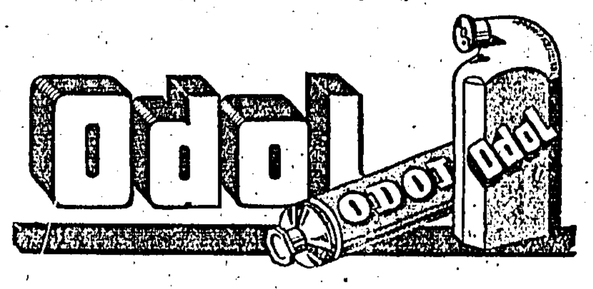

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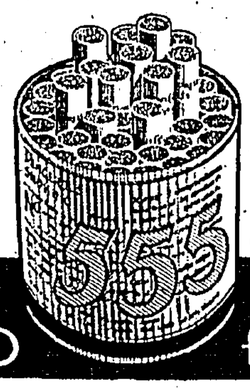

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COMMON PROBLEMS

In whatever other respects Hongkong's and Shanghai's problems may be dissimilar, they have this much in common—a great mass of the people living close to, if not actually below, the subsistence level, a state of affairs which carries with it a slum problem which also is common to both centres. In Hongkong and in Shanghai, the need of reform is appreciated, but the magnitude of the issues involved, to say nothing of the cost, has hitherto delayed action. The time is coming, however, when something will have to be done. Sir Andrew Caldecott, in his final address to the Legislative Council, made this remark: "If the sanitary and social services of this Colony are to be raised and developed to such a level and extent as that which I sometimes see suggested, and not unreasonably suggested, in the Press, extra revenue will have to be found." His words were almost duplicated in the recent Budget speech delivered to ratepayers in Shanghai by Mr. H. E. Arnhold, when he declared: "Sooner or later, it must be realised by the whole community that the Settlement, in common with other municipalities, cannot obtain the services and amenities which modern conditions demand without footing the bill." Mr. Arnhold went on the point out that the economic conditions of the Settlement, and the standing of a large section of the community, are very different from those which prevail in cities of Western countries, and he added that many Britons in Shanghai may not realise that, were they residing in cities in England having approximately the same population as the International Settlement, they would be paying a municipal rate as high as 64 per cent. and possibly higher, in contrast with the proposed Shanghai rate of 16 per cent. In passing, it may be mentioned that the meeting which Mr. Arnhold was addressing approved an increase in rates from 14 to 16 per cent., but succeeded in getting its operation deferred until the beginning of next year. In the matter of social services, Hongkong unquestionably has much leeway to make up. The task is at present largely left to charitable bodies, and, as Sir Andrew Caldecott said in his last Council speech, there are limits to the field of private philanthropy, for the simple reason that not all rich men are philanthropists. It therefore follows that if the work is to be effectively done—and apart from the actual victims of the lack of organised social services, the effects produced on the general public health by the spread of disease must be borne in mind—funds will somehow have to be found. This raises the question of future taxation, any increase in which at this juncture would undoubtedly be most unpopular. But the day will come when the betterment of social conditions and the raising of the standard of living of the masses in this Colony will have to be faced. The finding of the best ways and means constitutes the real problem.

BLACK GOD of HARLEM

A DEATH from heart failure made Father Divine, the sixty-year-old Harlem black who claims that 22,000,000 people of mixed colourings believe him to be God, famous throughout the United States. (They certainly run into millions.)

Another death, from the same cause, slowed down the fervour of his English followers.

Leader of the British Divine worship is Mrs. Julia Hildreth Dodds, of Denbigh-street, London. A little white-haired woman with bright worried eyes, she told me why there is a certain apathy among some of the one hundred and fifty English believers in the black God of Harlem.

Last December John Roine, a Finlander, came from New York to organise a meeting to preach the teachings of Father Divine. A week before the meeting, her husband, Charles Dodds, didn't feel so well. "Write to Father," said Mr. Roine, "he'll see you're all right." Mr. Dodds wrote.

Five days later, with the meeting only three days off, he felt worse. Mr. Roine cabled Father Divine for immediate action. The next day Charles Dodds "passed over." The Father made no acknowledgment of the requests. Mrs. Dodds continued to believe in the divinity of Father Divine, but many of her acquaintances are doubtful, as Father Divine promises life eternal to faithful followers.

Many of the still faithful hope soon that "God will show the way" for them to organise meetings here. Perhaps then you will be able to recognise them by little buttons bearing a coloured photograph of Father Divine, as are pinned on lapels or blouses of his New York "Children."

IN New York when I called a taxi and told the driver to go to Heaven, he took the direction as naturally as, more amiably than, a Londoner would take the opposite injunction.

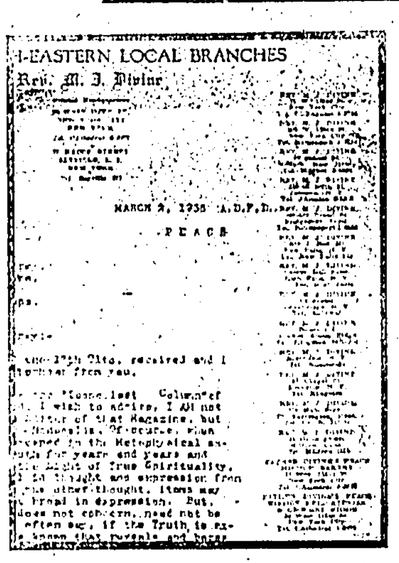
On the way (Heaven's Harlem address is 20, West 115th Street) he told me of the other, fame producing, death.

In 1931, Father Divine's head-office Heaven was in Sayville, Long Island.

By giving away somewhere around 3,000 meals every Sunday—served in shifts from early morning until after midnight—he was attracting such crowds that the traffic of this small village became unmanageable, husbands grumbled that their wives were "crazy for Father Divine," insurance companies complained that this Father Divine was, by his preachings against insurance, taking away their livelihoods.

Where did Divine get the money for these feasts? With irritating insistence his followers would say "it comes from God, Father is God," or, less formal: "What Jesus did with loaves and fishes, Father can do with chicken, ham, spaghetti and coffee."

Father Divine was charged with being a public nuisance. Justice Smith, in a decision that was afterwards overruled, on the grounds that he had allowed prejudice to enter into it, sentenced Father Divine to one year's imprisonment and fined him 500 dollars.



FATHER DIVINE

sometimes replies by letter; more often by mental telepathy . . . .'

Four days later Justice Smith died of heart failure.

The wit of his negro attorney got Divine out of jail within five weeks. "Father Divine sure is God now," said his followers.

The newspapers publicised the case, cynically—but that didn't matter. Here was a flesh-and-blood God who could work miracles. The hysterical, curious, lonely, frightened, feeble-minded, swarmed to Sayville.

TO-DAY, in his five-storey Heaven Father Divine provides (at a price) sleeping accommodation for 1,500 followers, owns two newspapers, one of which sells 10,000 copies a week (3d. each), laundries, restaurants, coal, grocery, barber's, and cleaning-and-pressing shops.

The first day I called on Heaven, Father Divine was out of town on business—buying 1,000 acres of country outside New York for a further Extension Heaven. His beliefs (if you can make sense of them) are taught in 156 mission houses spreading all over the States, with four in Switzerland, many in Canada and Australia.

To become an "Angel" you must renounce—to God—all earthly goods. If your faith is not strong enough for that, you can be a "Child," which means that you pay rent, for food and all services. But "God" supplies everything at cut-rates.

Short, thick-set and with typically negroid features, his arms are noticeably long, sway slightly from side to side as he walks. He wears cheap ready-made suits, flashy ties, a straw hat. His talks, sometimes lasting for an hour, are confused but cheerful.

One of his eight stenographers, usually his secretary Brother Lamb (ex-motor-car salesman Matthews, from Boston, who handed over a Cadillac on his conversion), takes down the speeches which are afterwards printed in his newspapers.

He is fond of plugging a word: "Peace everyone! Here I AM and there I stand in the midst of the children of men Just As I Really AM. Now isn't that wonderful." (Angels shout, chant, scream "It is indeed wonderful, Father," and a huge negress, her face distorted with a deadly skin disease, jumps up and flings her arms around in a sightless ecstasy, knocking over chairs) "to realise that here I AM, there I stand in the midst of the children of men just as I really AM?

"In other words (???) here I stand and there I AM in the midst of the children of men just as you stand. Now isn't that wonderful? But out of all our standing it has long since been said, and I verify the same, after having done all to stand, then STAND"... is the beginning of the speech during which I stood, pressed so close by ecstatic listeners that the sweat from the man behind kept dropping down my neck.

After his speeches, or at the banqueting hall, Angels and Children jump up and confess their sins. 'Father cured me from sniffing snuff; I thank you, Father." "He raised me from the dead."

An old, old man gets up and says that from 80, Father has made him a baby again . . . new teeth are growing . . . he shows his withered gums.

GREATEST help as a business organiser is Divine's wife "Faithful Mary," a fat, jolly, and shrewd old negress who was pronounced an "inebriate tubercular" a few years ago by city police physicians.

Medical attention is against the teaching of Divine, and Manhattan Hospital state that many cases of cancer, tuberculosis and other diseases who were reporting weekly for treatment have dropped off, through this. Living as Children or Angels, the diseased share dormitories with the health.

When they die, they are buried in Poor Law graveyards—unmourned, for they must have been sinners or they would not have died.

The exact mission of Father Divine? To promote peace on earth between all nations and races. More than that, and the belief that everything belongs to Father Divine (God) is vague, subject to individual renderings. To smoke, take alcohol, or any entertainment outside of Heaven, to have children or give your love to any one other than God is a sin.

Father Divine's Angels accept his word that he came to earth, ready-made as his suit, some six years ago.

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A CURE FOR THE DUMPS

IT has been said hat the best cure for pessimism is a dose of history, and equally so it may be said that the best dose for the dumps is a dose of humour.

Musing on an influenza bed the other day, it occurred to me that few personalities of my own youth so bubbled over with humour as the late John MacNeil the popular evangelist. One recalls, for instance, his mission in Clydebank. The mission took place in winter, in a time of much industrial trouble and physical distress. His very first address at once caught his audience, and tickled their imagination.

"My subject to-night is," he said, "David in the dumps, and my text the well-known words of David in the Psalm, 'Out of the depths have I cried unto thee Oh Lord,' and he proceeded, "Noo, men and women, ye a' ken what it is to be in the dumps. Everything is wrang and nothing richt. Ye dinna ken what to dae with yerselves. Ye're sae far doon in the depths that some of ye here before me at this moment are sae doon an' oot, that ye may even have thought of pitchin' yerselves into the Clyde." (Great silence.) Then MacNeil, with a flourish of the hand continued, "Weel friends, don't dae it. There's enough rubbish there already."

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On another occasion he had just conducted an evangelistic meeting in the city when questions were invited from the audience. One young man, hoping to corner him with a poser, rose and said, "Mr. MacNeil, could you tell us who was Cain's wife."

Quick as the shot from a gun came the retort, "Mrs. Cain, of course." Then, when the laughter had subsided, he hastened to add, "Now, my young friend, I am an older man than you are, and if you would take my advice, I would like to tell that the less you and I have to do with other men's wives, the better."

Once again, preaching on the subject of Zacchaeus, the tax-gatherer, he explained that in modern days he would be known as the Income-tax colector. Then he proceeded:—"As you and I know from experience, it's not often we get a colector of Income-taxes up a tree. We have one up a tree this time." This humour at once caught the audience, and made the appeal of his message easy and natural.

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Addressing a large meeting in Dundee, he was disturbed in the course of his peroration by a tall young man leaving the meeting, marching right down the hall, much to MacNeil's confusion. He stopped in his address and waited until the silence could be felt, then he shouted out at the top of his voice:—"If that grasshopper would only sit doon for other two moments, that grasshopper with the new 15s suit on his back, I would get through with my address much sooner."

The remark convulsed the audience and silenced the interrupter.

The last touch of humour I heard from him was in Edinburgh, a few years ago, when he adressed the Sabbath Day Observance Association. He quoted an illustration from the church in his native village when a boy. A new tune was given out that day by the minister, and the congregation rose to sing. As soon as the first verse was completed an old maid, seated near the front, with some temper closed her book, turned abruptly out of her seat, and marched down the aisle with head erect, the feather in her hat swaying with the passion in her breast as she made angrily for the door.

After telling the incident, MacNeil explained that every time that tune was given out afterwards in the same church it was known as "Katy Grey's retreat."

W.K.

FREE CHURCH LEADER'S CALL FOR THE SPIRIT OF REVIVAL

ASSEMBLY'S PEACE CHALLENGE

From HUGH REDWOOD

Leicester, Apr. 10.

Leicester greeted its Free Church visitors to-day with alternations of sunshine and driving snow, but otherwise was in no two minds regarding the welcome it gave them.

This city has a reputation not only for hospitality, but also for practical Christian fellowship, and the 800 delegates to the National Free Church Council Assembly were made aware of its friendly atmosphere as soon as they entered the handsome De Montfort Hall for the Lord Mayor's official reception.

The setting, therefore, is favourable to a gathering which will make a real contribution to the present religious forward movement, but it looks as if some of the discussions may be lively.

There is an element here which feels very strongly about such matters as Spain, the German colonies, and the distressed areas, and already there are indications that its spokesmen intend to make themselves heard.

NON-INTERVENTION

At the meeting of the Executive Committee with which to-day's proceedings began, the resolutions on these subjects, which are to be moved during the Assembly, came in for rather more criticism than might have been expected, and I predict that the Peace resolution to be moved by Dr. Rushbrooke on Wednesday will not be passed without challenge.

An amendment on non-intervention is certain to be moved by partisans of the Spanish Government, though I do not think there is any doubt that once again the conviction will be affirmed that all war is contrary to the mind of Christ.

Dr. Norwood, in a statement embodied in the annual report to be presented to-morrow, draws a contrast between churches whose members experience a vital relationship with Christ and those who are suffering from "religious complacency as deadly as creeping paralysis."

It is the inner quickening of the churches that must come first, he urges. Revival cannot be created or engineered. "They are by-products of the real return to God of those who already acknowledge Him."

THE TRUE REVIVAL

"But we are judged primarily," says Dr. Norwood, "by the radical nature of our rebellion against and our impact upon the egregious social and political anomalies of our time.

"A vitalised Church which is manifestly different from other societies, because of the drive of a Divine passion, is the essential ground of a true revival which, as always, cannot work itself out in social reform."

The principal speaker at a crowded meeting to-night in the De Montfort Hall was Mr. Walter Runciman, President of the Board of Trade (once a circuit steward to Dr. Rattenbury, the chairman). His address struck a rather vaguely optimistic note regarding the general outlook.

A statement that the Cabinet, although not a pacifist Cabinet, was a peace Cabinet, called forth some dissent, but Mr. Runciman reasserted that he was with its members six days a week and that "those who rule over the country at this time are devoted to the cause of peace."

He defended the present rearmament programme, but hoped "for a breathing space soon," when we should be as ready as anybody to make terms which would ensure us against the dire distress which threatened us.

The Rev. Leslie Weatherhead (a Leicester man) had something in contrast to say, for his theme was the Church, and, speaking of "the probability of a grave crisis which might rapidly come upon us," he said he was proud to belong to the Free Church, to a Church which had no link with the State and had no possibility of a difficult and confusing entanglement.

The Executive Committee will recommend to-morrow that Dr. J. D. Jones be chosen as next year's president and that the next Assembly be held at Bournemouth.

The Assembly to-morrow morning will be invited to pass a resolution associating itself with the Archbishop of Canterbury's recall to religion.

The Bishop of Leicester's message of greeting, which he will deliver immediately afterwards, will gain in significance from the fact that he is the chairman of the Archbishop's Evangelistic Committee.

ROLLER-SKATING HOSTS—More than 400 film players, picture executives and directors became kids again for an evening, at a party sponsored by Alfred G. Vanderbilt, Jr., and Ginger Rogers, widely known screen player, in a Hollywood roller-skating rink. Above are the host and hostess as they greeted guests arriving for the evening's novel programme.

China's Population Now Over 466,000,000

NANKING CENSUS FIGURES

CHINA'S total population reached the figure of 466,785,856 for the year of 1936, according to statistics compiled by the Ministry of Interior (says *Central News*).

Its total area, these data show, measured 11,698,860 square kilometres.

Szechuan Province boasted the largest population, the total being 52,963,296, Shantung came second with 38,029,294, Kiangsu third with 36,469,321, Honan fourth with 34,289,848, and Kwangtung fifth with 32,385,215.

Five provinces have a population between 20,000,000 and 30,000,000, namely Chekiang, Anhwei, Hupeh, Hunan and Hopei.

Sikong Province, with an area of 371,599 square kilometres, has the smallest population of 968,187, or a little less than three persons a square kilometre.

The following is a list population and area for the leading provinces:

Province	Area (sq. kilometres)	Population
Kiangsu	108,339	36,469,321
Chekiang	103,058	21,230,749
Anhwei	134,426	23,265,368
Kiangsi	200,209	15,820,403
Hupeh	207,692	25,541,636
Hunan	273,231	28,293,735
Szechwan	431,309	52,963,269
Sikong	371,599	968,187
Hopei	153,682	26,044,737
Shantung	179,269	38,029,294

Place Of Honour For Queen Mary

London, Apr. 15.

Queen Mary will occupy the place of honour in the coronation procession to Westminster Abbey, May 12, immediately in front of the King and Queen.

This arrangement is without precedent, but this coronation will be unique in several respects. For one, the procession will be the most splendid and impressive of any of Britain's royal "shows" to date. For another, it will be the first time that a female heir to the throne will see her parents crowned. Another shattering of precedent will be elimination of the abbey sermon following the crowning, to shorten the ceremony and lessen the fatigue of Their Majesties.

The procession will be 3,500 yards long, about two miles, Ramsay MacDonald announced. Moving at a foot pace, the glittering Pageant of Empire will take 40 minutes to pass a given point—barring unforeseen delays.

LORD MAYOR FIRST

In the procession to the abbey, the first to arrive will be the Lord Mayor of London in his state coach. On arrival he will wait in the annex to greet the King and Queen. He will wear his robe, collar and jewel of office and will carry the big city mace.

The next to arrive will be the speaker of the House of Commons in his state coach. He will be shown to his seat in the abbey.

Then, in state landaus, will come the representatives of foreign governments, with their attendants. When all have arrived, they will form into procession in the annex and be escorted to their seats by two officers of arms.

DOMINION PREMIERS

Following these will come all the prime ministers of the dominions, giving these outposts of the Empire a prominent place in the procession.

After the dominion prime ministers will come the princes and princesses of the Royal blood. In the annex they will be joined by their attendants and led to their seats.

Next will come Queen Mary, with an escort of Household Cavalry, then King George VI and Queen Elizabeth will arrive with their attendants. Those of the latter who do NOT walk in the procession into the church will immediately be conducted to their seats.

It is expected that Queen Mary will sit in a special chair on the right of the Royal box, on the south side of the high altar. Next to her will be Princess Elizabeth, dressed like a grown-up in a miniature peeress' robe with a short train and tiny coronet, and Princess Margaret Rose.

The King's brothers, the Duke of Gloucester and the Duke of Kent, probably will sit in special chairs placed in front of the peers, in the south transept. It is the Duke of Gloucester who will do homage to the King for the princes of the blood.

PEERS' HOMAGE

The senior peer in each rank does homage for the rest, the ceremony taking place at the end of the coronation of the King, and before the Queen is crowned. For the homage the peers, except the Archbishop of Canterbury, as head of the Lords Spiritual, remove their coronets and kneel in their places.

The military will have a large part in the coronation processions, more than 32,500 soldiers, sailors and airmen participating, including representatives of the Indian army and navy.

Composite guards of honour representing the army, navy and air force will be mounted at Buckingham palace and at the west (main) door of Westminster Abbey. Officers and men will line the coronation routs of more than six miles, and other thousands, representing all organisations will march in the procession.—*United Press.*

GANDHI DEPLORES USE OF TITLE "MAHATMA"

Madras, India, Apr. 10.

Gandhi's recent remarks deploring his title of "Mahatma" have led to considerable controversy in Indian political circles. Replying to a suggestion by a Madras newspaper that Gandhi should be called "Mister," a former president of the Liberal party, T.R.V. Sastri, said:

"It is not for any individual to dictate to the public who shall be called a "Mahatma." The public and the public alone judges who shall be honoured with that title. The least competent to dictate is the man on whom that title is bestowed.

"I sometimes omit the title and mention his name without any addition. But that is because I believe that when a man has become a world figure, his title to respect and the respect of the public for him are assured and so may be assumed. The title of 'Mahatma' thus becomes superfluous but in this country it would be ridiculous to 'mister' him."

THIS MORNING'S POSTBAG

Tirades on Taxes

THREE cheers for "Remedy"! Allow me to congratulate him on his very sensible letter. The business community of Hongkong has just emerged from a long period of depression and financial difficulties and why in the name of commonsense should your paper consider it necessary to consult the public as to what new taxation should be resorted to provide princely salaries to the Civil Service is beyond my comprehension. The consensus of opinion in the Colony is that, with very few exceptions, our officials are overpaid and a pampered class altogether. What with high sterling salaries, frequent home leaves with free passages for themselves and families, provided by the taxpayers, pension at the age of 50, cheap rental of Government owned houses (6 per cent. on their salaries) etc., etc., they are absolutely a privileged class and the envy of the whole town. I maintain it is not necessary to spend so much to secure the services of these gentlemen. Nowadays, when there is such a super-abundance of highly educated men at home eagerly looking for jobs, it would be quite easy to recruit men to fill their places on less extravagant terms. Besides, many departments could do with a smaller staff. It is a well known fact that during Sir Andrew Caldecott's regime a lot of cutting down of staff was carried out without impairing the work of the Department. A lot more could I write on the subject of the high cost of local Government but I will leave it for another occasion. The salaries paid to Government servants far surpass anything paid for similar class of work in other walks of life.

TAXPAYER.

I wish to heartily support the correspondents who, in Friday's and Saturday's "Telegraph", protest against any increase in taxation in Hongkong while Government throws the money away on the civil service. Let there be a drastic pruning on civil service pensions and amenities such as home leave, and increased taxation will be unnecessary.

J. M.

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WITH reference to the articles on new taxation could you inform readers (1) the total revenue of the Hongkong Government; (2) total expenditure on Government salaries; (3) total expenditure on Government home leave; (4) total expenditure on civil service pensions; (5) total expenditure on defence?

W.

**(1) Total revenue 1936 $30,042,983; (2) Government salaries 1936 (exclusive of Loan, City Development and Opium Monopoly totalling $142,706) estimated total $11,221,151; (3) Unknown; (4) Pensions for 1936, $2,287,745; (5) Defence, 1936, $4,451,242.*

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Children in Crisis

I notice in the Government communique on Air Raids precautions to be adopted in Hongkong that provision is being made for supplying free gas masks to those who would be required for essential services *and their families.* Apparently nothing is to be done for the civilian population which will not be required for essential services. Is there any reason why the families of essential workers should receive protection while the women and children of those not recognised as essential workers should be left without protection? In Britain, provision is being made for the entire community, and every person will be supplied with a gas mask, either free or at a nominal cost. Surely Government does not mean that, in the event of an air attack on Hongkong, its entire efforts will be devoted to "holding on," maskee the effect on civilians who are not members of that privileged class, the essential worker. If civilian women and children are to be the victims, let us get out of Hongkong while the going is good.

TWO CHILDREN.

Bachelor's Bark

A famous American magazine once created a storm by publishing an article, "Latins are Lousy Lovers". I am more inclined to agree with the correspondent who said that the world's worse lovers were the English girls in the Far East. The average Hongkong girl's only interest in men is what he's worth and what she can get out of him. Thick slabs of paint and powder are infinitely more interesting to her than petting, although she will consent to the latter if there's a dinner date at the Hongkong Hotel hanging on the end of it. She will spend hours examining and painting her finger-nails, so exquisitely described by one of your correspondents as "vultures talons", but would not lift one of those gaudy fingers to help a lonely outcast at a party. She will make herself hideous and vulgar in her choice of clothes, preen herself when told that she has been called "daring", and slap the face of the male who attempts to take advantage of her seductiveness.

It isn't, as "R. C. M." suggests, the clothes that are silly and absurd, it's what's in them. Thank God there's one or two clubs in Hongkong where men can get away from females.

MR. BACHELOR.

RADIO BROADCAST

Commentary on the Tennis Semi-Finals, Open Doubles

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12.30 Dance music.
1 Time and Weather.
1.03 Musical Comedy.
1.30 Reuter Press; Weather, Time and Announcements.
1.40 Orchestre Napolitain.
2 Eddie Peabody and His Banjo.
2.15 p.m. Close down.
4.30 p.m. A running commentary by Frank V. Read on the Semi-Finals of the Open Doubles' Tennis Championship of the Colony, between Wong Shiu-wing and Luk Ding-cheung v H. D. and S. A. Rumjahn. Relayed from the Hongkong Cricket Club Court (by courtesy of the Committee of the Hongkong Cricket Club.)
5.30 p.m. (approx:) A relay of Dance Music from the Roof Garden of the Hongkong Hotel.
6.30 p.m. A Concert.

Bass Solo—Tom Der Reimer (Loewe)....Ivar Andresen; 'Cello Solo—Dimanche de Paques sur la mer (Dupont); Indian Lament (Dvorak).....Maurice Marechal; Soprano Solo—The Little Sandman (Brahms), Hark! Hark! the Lark (Schubert)....Elisabeth Schumann; Pianoforte Solo—Valse in E Major, Op. 34 (Moszkowski)....Arthur de Greef.

7.p.m. Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra, Serenade "Eine Kleine Nachtmusik" (Mozart); Leonora Overture, No. 3 (Beethoven).

7.30 p.m. Stock Quotations and Exchange Market Report.

7.35 p.m. Variety.

Accordeon Solo—Sedibal—One-Step Arabe....Maurice Alexander; Vocal—Goodnight, my Love....Ruth Etting; Organ Solo—Sleep, my little one....Reginald Foort; Vocal—Backscratcher.....Max Miller (Comedian); Vocal with Guitar—Texas Dan....Carson Robison; Orchestra — Memories of Horatio Nicholls....New Mayfair Orchestra; Vocal—Sing something in the morning....Bebe Daniels.

8 p.m. Time Weather and Announcements.

8.03 p.m. A Relay from the Po Hing Theatre (Chinese).

11 p.m. Close Down.

8.05-11 p.m. European Programme from ZEK, on a frequency of 640 kilocycles.

1.05 p.m. Orchestre Raymonde. "Careless Rapture" — Selection (Ivor Novello); By the Sleepy Lagoon (Coutes); Chanson D'Amour (Suk); A Musical Snuff Box (Liadow); Delibes in Vienna (Waiter—arr.); Berceuse (Jarnefelt).

8.30 p.m. Four Light Songs by Luigi Fort (Tenor).

1. Ay, ay, ay (Perez and Freire); 2. Mignon—Addio, Mignon (Thomas); 3. Ideale (Tosti); 4. Si vous l'aviez compris (Denza).

8.43 p.m. Old Song Hits by Carroll Gibbons and John W. Green.

There's a ring around the moon; "Nymph Errant"—Selection; I want a fair and square man; Ain't she the dainty.

8.56 p.m. Vocal Gems.

"Aida" (Verdi).....Grand Opera Company; "Faust" (Gounod)...Light Opera Company; "Floradora" (Stuart)....Light Opera Company.

9.21 p.m. Gipsy Drinking Song; Gipsy Fantasy....Rode and His Tziganes.

9.30 p.m. London News and Announcements.

9.55 p.m. "The Student Prince"—Serenade, by Allan Prior, Raymond Marlowe, Paul Clemon, Olaf Olson and Chorus.

10 p.m. Dance Music.

Fox-Trot—Come back sweet Papa; Fox-Trot—Pagan Love Song; Fox-Trot—Cheek to cheek; Fox-Trot—Top hat, white tie and tails; Fox-Trot—My, what a diff'rent night.

10.15 p.m. Big Ben.

Fox-Trot — Everybody dance; Comedy Waltz—The feller that played the planner; Fox-Trot—Life begins when you're in love; Waltz—The whistling waltz; Fox-Trot—Breakin' in a pair of shoes; Fox-Trot—Swing Mister Charlie; Fox-Trot—Chasing Shadows; Fox-Trot—Kiss me goodnight; Fox-Trot—Free; Fox-Trot—Take my heart; Fox-Trot—Knock, knock, who's there; Wood and Ivory; Tango—Echos du Passe; Waltz—Although.

11 p.m. Close Down.

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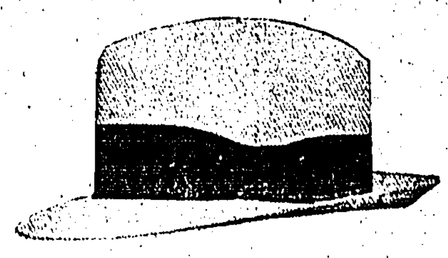

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FINCHER-RUMJAHN SEMI-FINAL ON WEDNESDAY

REVISED TENNIS PROGRAMME

The Singles Final On Friday

DOUBLES MAY 4

(By "Veritas").

Unless rain comes to stop the tennis matches arranged for this afternoon and to-morrow, the postponed singles championship semi-final between E. C. Fincher and S. A. Rumjahn will be played on Wednesday.

This match takes the place of the singles final originally scheduled for Wednesday.

Instead the final will be played on Friday, and the men's doubles final will be tranferred from Friday to Tuesday week.

The amended programme for the remaining matches in the Colony and H.K.C.C. events is as follows:

THIS AFTERNOON

Colony Doubles Championship semi-final. Wong Shui-wing and Luk Ding-cheung v. S. A. and H. D. Rumjahn.

TUESDAY

H.K.C.C. Mixed Doubles final. Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Sullivan v. G. Polglase and Mrs. R. M. Wood.

WEDNESDAY

Colony Singles Championship semi-final. E. C. Fincher v. S. A. Rumjahn.

THURSDAY

H.K.C.C. Singles Championship. A. L. Sullivan v. M. Pagh.

FRIDAY

Colony Singles Championship final. H. D. Rumjahn v. E. C. Fincher or S. A. Rumjahn.

TUESDAY, MAY 4

Colony Doubles Championship final. E. C. Fincher and W. C. Hung v. S. A. and H. D. Rumjahn or Wong Shui-wing and Luk Ding-cheung.

RUMJAHNS TO WIN TO-DAY

Should Reach 12th Final In 13 Years

To-day's tennis championship match is the open doubles semi-final between Wong Shui-wing and Luk Ding-cheung—and—the—Rumjahn cousins.

A comfortable win for the cousins, which will mean their twelfth appearance in the final in the course of 13 years, is indicated. Wong and Luk are steady players and this may help them to win a set, though I doubt it.

The Rumjahns are playing quite well at the present and they are not likely to be upset by the slowing-down methods of the Chinese.

A three-straight sets win is the probable outcome of the match.

Two games in the H.K.C.C. handicap doubles event are also being played this afternoon. R. M. Wood and J. E. Richardson meet F. V. Harrison and A. S. Read; and A. H. Penn and J. R. Collis play G. E. R. Divett and B. O'M. Deane.

Led 5-1, Then Lost The Match

IN KOWLOON TONG TENNIS FINAL

O. L. Pang (owe 30.4) was unlucky to lose his match with S. A. Gray (owe 40) yesterday in the final of the Kowloon Tong Club handicap singles.

Pang led 5-1 in the final set, had two match points in the eighth game and another in the ninth. But each time he made wild shots which proved to be costly errors. Neither player was at his best, though Pang played some very nice shots.

The scores in favour of Gray read 6-4, 5-7, 7-5.

K. C. C. TOURNEY

An American tennis tournament was played at the Kowloon Cricket Club yesterday, the following taking part:

"A" team.—Mr. and Mrs. A. E. P. Guest, Mr. and Mrs. T. White, Mr. and Mrs. H. Crabb, W. L. Mackenzie and Mrs. E. C. Fincher, W. W. Hirst and Mrs. H. Cairns, Mr. and Mrs. J. Gardner, T. Hunter and Mrs. Old.

"B" team.—A. W. Ramsey and Miss Perry, Mr. and Mrs. W. Gittins, Mr. and Mrs. Coombes, R. Harding and Miss Nash, N. A. E. Mackay and Miss Old, A. L. Fisher and Miss A. Mackenzie, C. J. Tacchi and Mrs. Blandford.

"B" team won by nine points.

Baer Changes Mind

New York, Apr. 24.

Ancil Hoffman, manager of Max Baer, the American heavyweight boxer, has cabled the Madison Square Garden that the former world champion has reconsidered his decision to quit. "He will gladly fight Bob Pastor of New York providing a date can be arranged," says Hoffman. —*United Press*

After being out-pointed by Tommy Farr, the British heavyweight champion, last week, Baer announced that he would retire from the ring.

£20,000 Offer For Schmeling-Baer Fight

(By Geoffrey Simpson)

An offer of £20,000 for an open-air fight in London awaited Max Schmeling, the former heavyweight champion of the world, when he reached Berlin on his return from the United States.

It was made by Mr. Sydney Hulls, the Harringay promoter, who plans to match Schmeling against Max Baer, at the White City Stadium in June.

Baer knocked out Schmeling in ten rounds in their first and only meeting in 1933, and later went on to win the world championship.

The proposed London contest, therefore, would be a battle between two former world title-holders.

It would be the biggest fight ever held in England, but before anything can be done Baer must beat Tommy Farr, the British champion, whom he meets at Harringay on April 15.

SCHMELING AND BRADDOCK

Schmeling at the moment is concerned with the threatened breakdown of his match with the champion, Jimmy Braddock, arranged for June 3 in New York.

He told the *Daily Mail* Berlin correspondent that he had made no progress on his New York visit. The position is that Braddock has signed to meet Joe Louis in Chicago on June 22, ignoring the June 3 date with Schmeling. Legal proceedings have been started to prevent the Chicago contest.

"I would like to fight the winner of the Baer-Farr contest," said Schmeling, discussing the London offer, "but I still consider I am bound by contract to fight Braddock on June 3 under the auspices of Madison-square Garden. A clause in my contract forbids me to sign for any fight before that date."

He plans to go ahead with his preparations for the Braddock fight until a definite decision has been reached. In the meantime he cannot entertain other offers.

SCRUMMAGE RULES ALTERATION

How Will They Hook Next Season?

The complete official code, from the International Board, for the 1937-38 season has not yet been presented to the four Home Unions for ratification and adoption, so it is not yet possible to make a definite conclusion as to the changes reported a fortnight ago.

As regards the most important point, the change in the Scrummage Law, the whole thing depends upon whether the old Law 15, Sub-section (K) is deleted. This is the section which deals with the first three feet not being raised or advanced, and which has always been read in conjunction with Sub-section (F), the one actually altered.

If (K) is not deleted, there would seem to be little comprehensive change; but if (K) has gone (and this appears to be the case) then the new ruling seems to imply that the outside men of each front row may hook with their inside feet.

One doubts the efficacy of this, for surely not only will the ball be constantly kicked out again, but also, when it is hooked, it will have a considerable tendency to come out of the side, rather than the back of the scrum.

Many packs in these circumstances will surely decide to go down 3—4—1, rather a retrograde move in the opinion of those who are continually advocating solidarity of shove, and a return to the good old days of wheeling.

The complete code is expected out in a few days time, when presumably we may expect final elucidation of this point.—H. B. T. W.

Here is the Irish team, composed of the full first eleven Royal Ulster Rifles, photographed with the International Charity Cup after they had beaten England. (Photo: Yuen Chun Studios).

ROYAL ULSTER RIFLES WIN CHARITY CUP FOR IRELAND

ENGLAND'S MORBID MOOD

(By "Veritas")

Ireland . . . 3 (Moore 2, Ferguson) England . . . 1 (Lands)

THIS International Charity Cup final played at Caroline Hill yesterday produced a standard of play which suggested the 22 players were suffering from footballphobia. In any case the game gave the crowd good cause for developing this complaint.

Ireland won easily. Much easier than the score indicates. They were the better of two not very good teams. Nevertheless one could find reasonable excuses for both sides. The sun was fierce and glaring; the season has now lasted close on eight months, the players are, in fact, football-weary, and only the important stakes attached to the match kept it sufficiently interesting for anybody to remain in his seat.

RATHER WOEFUL

England put up a rather woeful showing. They should have done better. Chief fault was in the attack which never became consolidated. Only Blake and Bickford threatened danger; even looked like scoring. But Bickford was very shabbily treated both by his inside forwards and his half backs. I don't recall him receiving one decent pass throughout the game. But he was a good worker, prepared to fetch and carry and still make things difficult for the opposing defence.

Blake played a similar role at centre-forward and one could not but admire his pluck, his energy and his attempts to be enterprising. That he lacked the necessary experience to allow him to polish off some extremely courageous efforts was unfortunate, but does not detract from the merit of the efforts. Of the rest of the forwards it is kinder to remain silent; except that I would say Lands proved a real disappointment and obviously has not yet become sufficiently acclimatised to conditions to be ranked in first division class.

Considerable work devolved upon Webster, Strange and Smith, the last named playing in goal. On the whole they came through the ordeal with credit, though I was surprised to see how easily Ferguson beat Webster in their duels for the ball. The half backs were purely and simply defensive, and not especially notable in that respect. They only partially subdued the Irish forwards.

ABOUT THE WINNERS

The Irishmen raised their game to a level sufficiently higher than that of the Englishman to win the match with something to spare.

At times the forwards played together with fine understanding and there was always danger coming from the Erwin-Killen wing. Ferguson further demonstrated that he is a much better left winger than an inside forward, and Moore's go-ahead methods made a useful contribution to the efficacy of the attack.

Glabraith, Campbell's deputy, was not much in the picture at centre-half, though one appreciated his obstructiveness. The wing halves were very good, doing notable work in keeping their forwards well supplied with passes which had some practical value. Stevens was brilliant in defence and Pickering, though not his equal, was sound and conceded nothing.

It wasn't surprising to find the Irishmen playing better together than the losers, but this does not exonerate the English lads for their pitiful efforts to drive the ball goalwards.

Ireland led 2-1 at half time and Moore clinched the issue late in the second half.

Ferguson, Moore, and then Moore again, scored for Ireland, and Lands obtained England's goal.

SPLENDID SEASON

Ireland was composed of the full first eleven of the Royal Ulster Rifles, who thus completed the double during the week-end—winning the first division championship and the Charity Cup. Very praiseworthy and meritorious. One is reminded of that wonderful 1934 season of the South Wales Borderers, though I honestly don't think the Rifles are as good a team as the "24th." But they have enjoyed a marked successful season. Next year, though, look out for the Seaforth Highlanders. I have a hunch they are going to figure very prominently in our competitions.

Twilight Settles On The Football Season In England

Twilight has settled on the 1936-7 football in England and Scotland. There is still another week left before the league programmes are completed and then follows the English Cup final.

For the most part the problems of championships, promotion and relegation are settled.

Manchester City, making a brilliant recovery late in the season have won the first division title, and no team has better deserved such an honour. Arsenal have still a chance of finishing second, but Charlton are slightly better placed.

At the other end of the table one sorrowfully observes that Wednesday are practically doomed for relegation, though it is possible, if Wednesday win their last match and Leeds lose theirs, goal average will have to settle which two of Leeds, Manchester United and the Wednesday shall drop into the second division.

Blackpool and Leicester have made themselves safe for promotion into the senior division, but as to which will win the second division championship will not be known until next week. Leicester with a game to play, are one point behind Blackpool who have completed their fixtures. Bradford City and Doncaster will find new pastures next season, Doncaster, like Reading a few years ago, returning to the third division.

RARE STRUGGLE

There is a rare struggle for the third division (south) title. Luton and Notts County have identical records and everything hinges on their last games. Luton's goal average is superior and it is possible this may decide whether they or Notts enter the second division.

Aldershot will have to apply for re-election to the third division.

In the northern section Stockport and Lincoln are still grimly fighting for the championship and promotion. Both have a game to play, but Stockport lead in the race by one point.

Glasgow Rangers never fail to win either the Scottish League pr the Scottish Cup. This year they have made it the league, and very comfortably have they won it. Albion and Dunfermline are doomed for relegation and Ayr and Morton will compete in the first division next season.

Three teams in the four English divisions have topped the 100 mark in goal-scoring. Manchester City have 105 so far, Luton are credited with 101 and Lincoln with 103.

None of the first division Scottish League teams has reached the three-figure mark, yet in the second division, in which only 34 games are played, no less than three teams have accomplished the performance. Ayr have scored 122, Morton 105 and St. Bernards 100 precisely.

Melbourne Inman To Play Billiards In Singapore

Melbourne Inman, the famous billiards player, writes to the *Straits Times* stating that he and Horace Lindrum will leave England on April 24 on a world tour.

They expect to be in Singapore in July. Their exhibitions will include an hour's billiards, two or three frames of snooker, and a display of fancy strokes.

Inman is the former billiards champion. Horace Lindrum is a snooker wizard and recently compiled record breaks of 141 and 135. He gave Joe Davis a very close fight in defence of his (Davis's) title as snooker champion a few weeks ago.

Last year Lindrum achieved the billiards player's exhibition in recording a four-figure break (1008), and at snooker he six times topped the century, with 131 as the best break—since exceeded as above mentioned.

Cricketers Honoured By Sookunpoo Club

Members of the Indian R.C. gathered together in the club-house at Sookunpoo on Saturday evening at dinner to celebrate the success of the First Division cricket team in the League and to honour three members, A. R. Minu, A. H. Madar and K. Nazarin, who were selected to represent Hongkong in the last Interport match against Shanghai.

Addressing the gathering, Mr. A. el Arculli, President of the Club, congratulated Mr. A. H. Rumjahn, captain of the cricket team, on his success. Referring to the three Interporters, Mr. Arculli said they not only brought fame to themselves but honour to the Club (Applause).

Messrs. Rumjahn, Minu and Madar suitably replied.

Expressions of regret that F. D. Pereira, their former fast bowler and Interporter, was not with them to join in the celebrations were made by the speakers.

Clubhouse Chatter — By "Veritas"

DANGERS OF EXCESSIVE COMPETITIVE SOCCER IN HONGKONG

H.K.F.C. DROP BROAD HINT TO THE ASSOCIATION

ONE wonders what amount of notice, if any, will be taken by the Hongkong Football Association to Mr. V. M. Grayburn's timely warning issued at the H.K.F.C. annual dinner on Saturday concerning the dangers of encouraging and organising too much competitive football. In the *Telegraph* alone, columns have already been written about this subject. It has, so to speak, been hung, drawn and quartered. It will probably have to go through a dozen similar processes before our administrative body realises that clubs and players are beginning to find the soccer season burdensome and intrusive.

Over 500 League Matches

ONLY as a result of superhuman efforts on the part of officials like Mr. C. Carter, and the willingness of teams to co-operate in the playing of mid-week matches, has it been possible to get the season's programme completed as far as it is at this time. Very possibly the F.A. will have the right to look back with pride upon the fact that in the space of nearly eight months more than 500 league matches have been played, together with an Interport series, an International Charity Cup competition, the Lai Wah Cup tournament, the Senior and Junior Shields, the Governor's Cup competition and the Kotewall Cup. Nevertheless one can't escape from the feeling that in spite of this achievement, association football has become a little too competitive. The most direct threat is to rob the game of its pretensions for establishing and quickening friendly relationships on and off the field of play and of its desirable aim to create truly sporting rivalry. Less to-day does one feel that "The game's the thing." Rather is it becoming "The competition's the thing". Very clearly this can be taken to a point of excess, entailing a loss of prestige and glamour which the game hitherto has boasted.

F.A. Should Take Note

ONCE having created competitions, it is not easy, even if in fact desirable, to shelve them. The problem is how to conduct them in such a way that they do not become an affliction to the players and the game. I have already outlined methods by which this might be accomplished, and I am not going over the same ground again. But if Mr. Grayburn, speaking on behalf of an important club which has produced numbers of Hongkong's best footballers, is prepared to make this subject public, and other clubs are willing to put forward resolutions concerning the same matter at the F.A. annual meeting, as was done last year, then the Association should begin to appreciate that footballers, both players and supporters of the game, are becoming anxious as to the future developments of soccer in the Colony, and that every effort should be made to prevent it from losing any of its lustre and appeal.

Successful Visit To Canton

NO more fitting emphasis for his plea for more friendly and less competitive football could have been made by Mr. Grayburn than his reference to the recent visit to Canton of the football team drawn from the Hongkong and Kowloon Football Clubs. There were several memorable features about that visit. The Colony players and officials were loud in their praise for the fine sportsmanship displayed not only by their Chinese opponents, but by the spectators. The crowd, as keen as mustard in following the play, never hesitated to applaud any good work, whether accomplished by the Canton or the Hongkong team. The Canton hosts went out of their way to make everything ideally satisfying for the visitors. The effect has been to give a good many people a new and happier impression of the Chinese attitude to football. And off the field the Hongkong representatives were treated just as royally. It is a matter for the keenest satisfaction that the event proved so successful. There is every likelihood of this match being perpetuated.

Club Winds Up The Season

THERE was a very jolly atmosphere in the Hongkong Hotel Roof Garden on Saturday night. The Club dinner was an outstanding success. Speeches were short, correctly reflective, and in some cases witty. The rugby section pointed to a season of distinct achievement. The Interport won; the Blarney Seven-A-Side trophy recaptured. Mr. A. F. Walkden's tribute to the fine displays of the Royal Welch Fusiliers was generally appreciated. Afterwards the ladies joined in. And how the Paul Jones were enjoyed!

K.C.C. Improvements

WORK on the new tennis courts at the Kowloon Cricket Club is proceeding apace. Already the turf has been laid. Very shortly, it is hoped, the new lawn bowls green will begin to take shape. It has long been felt that the K.C.C. need a second green, and it is expected to prove a big asset to the club when completed. It is good to see these progressive movements at such an important institution as the K.C.C., and I am just as certain that the club will reap benefits from such a policy. Neither courts nor bowls green are likely to be ready for use much before the end of the year, by which time the K.C.C. may be able to contemplate adding badminton to its activities. But this is dependent on several factors, and it is too early at this stage to say whether or not the game will be revived. Badminton players generally are agreed that it would be a great boon to the game here if the K.C.C. adopted it once again.

Smith (R.A.S.C.) England's goalkeeper leaps high to fist out the ball during an Irish raid in yesterday's International Charity Cup match. Ireland beat England 3-1. (Photo: Ming Yuen).

GLAD TO HELP—Fred Perry, left, British tennis ace, obligingly adjusts the shirt of Bill Tilden, American net star, before their match in New York. Then Perry proceeded to beat Tilden.

English Rugby Club Records

	W.	D.	L.	For	Agst.	Pts.
CHIEF LONDON						
Blackheath	11	0	18	284	366	
Harlequins	12	4	9	255	101	
L. Scottish	15	0	13	330	224	
L. Welsh	17	0	12	336	256	
Richmond	10	2	15	303	305	
Rosslyn Park	15	0	10	310	352	
Wasps	22	1	4	511	106	
NORTHERN						
Birkenhead Pk.	22	1	4	437	—	
Blackburn	11	2	10	135	200	
Blaydon	14	2	10	200	218	
Bradford	10	3	15	278	306	
Brighouse Rgrs.	12	2	13	210	253	
Broughton Pk.	10	3	15	144	191	
Carlisle	10	2	10	238	226	
Chester	16	1	9	295	159	
Durham City	16	1	8	295	214	
Furness	13	1	9	294	273	
Fylde	9	3	19	268	354	
Gateshead Fell	12	1	10	279	186	
Goosforth	9	0	14	261	277	
Halifax	12	1	11	211	207	
Harrogate O.B.	7	3	17	154	284	
Hartlepool O.B.	6	2	15	162	294	
Hartlepool R.	18	2	8	301	258	
Headingley	20	3	5	350	168	
Huddersf'd O.B.	7	5	16	176	277	
Hull	11	4	7	174	171	
Ilkley	9	4	15	269	294	
Kendal	24	1	5	477	155	
Leeds Univ.	10	2	16	256	315	
Liverpool	13	3	11	239	255	
Liverpool Univ.	21	2	9	394	214	
Manchester	14	3	11	261	269	
Manch'r Univ.	6	1	19	187	305	
Morley	14	2	9	267	230	
New Brighton	15	0	10	226	246	
North Durham	11	1	11	266	193	
Northern	20	1	6	534	156	
Old Novos	8	0	14	186	221	
Otley	17	2	10	413	251	
Percy Park	19	2	7	396	177	
Rockcliff	8	2	16	185	326	
Ryton	5	1	15	111	278	
Sale	19	1	11	375	289	
Sandal	16	1	10	286	208	
Sunderland	14	0	7	264	134	
Tynedale	18	3	6	330	128	
Wakefield	24	1	2	487	85	
Waterloo	17	1	12	227	229	
Weetos	20	1	3	301	103	
W. Hartlepool	9	4	13	186	226	

	W.	D.	L.	For	Agst.	Pts.
OTHER LONDON						
Albion	7	2	12	132	181	
Bantams	7	3	9	129	121	
Barnet	10	2	8	186	165	
Catford B.	10	3	13	105	179	
Dulwich	18	1	3	238	84	
Finchley	12	1	8	214	184	
Honor Oak Pk.	10	2	10	173	135	
L.U. Vandals	6	0	15	204	266	
Park House	5	0	20	107	317	
Sidcup	6	1	13	176	287	
Sutton	9	1	11	141	163	
Thames V.	17	2	5	280	166	
Toc H.	8	2	7	111	74	
Twickenham	9	1	11	144	190	
Warlingham	6	1	13	158	188	
Wembley	9	1	11	197	282	
SERVICES						
Artists' Rifles	13	1	7	239	210	
H.A.C.	9	2	9	156	212	
King's Own	25	1	5	450	186	
Met. Police	25	0	6	487	169	
Nore Command	18	3	15	386	314	
R.N.F.C.	9	1	17	238	328	
U'ted Services	22	2	12	418	291	
HOSPITALS AND BANKS						
Barclays Bank	12	2	7	207	170	
King's Coll.	10	1	14	208	320	
Lloyds Bank	19	2	5	342	127	
Midland Bank	11	2	7	189	113	
Nat. Prov. Bk.	17	2	1	295	83	
St. Mary's	14	2	8	242	155	
Westm'ster Bk.	14	3	8	305	195	
HOUSE CLUBS						
Cavendish	19	1	4	401	83	
Ford's A.C.	23	1	2	557	56	
Ibis	17	1	6	413	178	
Lensbury	9	2	9	207	169	
L.C.C. (Staff)	10	1	11	198	155	
Metrovick	10	1	4	277	114	
P.L.A.	10	1	10	154	146	
Unilever	17	1	2	401	72	
Zurich Ins.	12	0	12	308	178	
MIDLANDS						
Abingdon	21	1	1	336	70	
Aylesbury	17	2	3	356	114	
Camp Hill O.E.	14	2	9	225	201	
Chiltern	11	0	11	208	178	
Handsworth	10	2	13	174	246	
Mid. Herts	13	3	6	284	167	
Moseley	17	2	7	245	140	
Moseley Utd.	20	3	0	485	100	
Nuneaton	16	3	10	332	221	
Tamworth	9	2	16	190	217	

	W.	D.	L.	For	Agst.	Pts.
OLD BOYS						
Albanians	4	2	12	119	198	
Alleynians	7	2	13	161	258	
Ashtedians	16	1	4	319	184	
Bancroftians	15	0	8	274	138	
Citizens	3	1	14	115	210	
Colfeians	19	1	2	339	88	
Dunstonians	19	0	6	304	138	
Elizabethans	17	0	5	254	111	
Elthamians	12	1	12	296	346	
Gaytonians	16	0	8	287	150	
Grammarians	5	1	15	111	260	
Gravesendians	11	1	9	225	145	
Hebenlashers	9	1	16	251	248	
Talleybutians	15	1	6	248	102	
Hulmeians	20	0	3	480	123	
Juddians	9	1	10	158	109	
K.C.H.	12	1	9	178	187	
Mid-Whitgift'ns	16	2	4	386	146	
Redingensians	14	2	6	229	129	
Rutlishians	19	1	0	302	157	
Skinners	13	3	5	199	135	
Surbitonians	13	1	7	207	112	
Tiffinians	22	0	0	398	71	
Wandsworth'ns	17	2	4	373	102	
Watfordians	14	1	8	156	108	
Wrotcliffians	4	2	11	99	185	
Whitgiftians	7	4	13	148	172	
WEST OF ENGLAND						
Berkshire W.	12	2	11	287	225	
Bristol	18	3	12	259	113	
Cheltenham	17	4	7	157	152	
Gloucester	20	2	10	328	222	
Sidmouth	14	2	14	243	257	
Stroud	22	1	5	309	105	
Taunton	14	2	12	197	198	
Teignmouth	19	1	10	310	216	
Torquay Ath.	19	1	13	325	281	
Weymouth	11	3	8	165	139	
SOUTH OF ENGLAND						
Bournemouth	12	0	13	201	274	
B'mouth S.C.	21	0	3	531	106	
Eastbourne	10	0	11	208	209	
Portsmouth	15	0	12	288	352	
Reigate	9	4	7	190	257	
Thanet Wdrs.	15	0	5	311	81	
Trojans	18	2	8	433	190	
Worthing	18	1	3	401	116	
EAST OF ENGLAND						
Chingford	13	0	8	221	180	
Ilford W.	6	2	14	133	250	
Ipswich	15	0	7	342	166	
Southend	8	3	13	184	264	
Wanstead	14	1	7	240	133	
Woodford	13	4	9	189	132	

Where Are the New Makers of Test Cricket History?

SHORTAGE OF ALL-ROUNDERS

During the last two or three years many of the players who have made history in Test cricket have dropped out of the limelight, Hobbs, Hendren, Jardline, Sutcliffe, Tate, and Woolley of England; Woodfull, Ponsford, and Grimmett, of Australia; and Bell, Nupen, and Vincent, of South Africa, all appear to have ended their careers as Test cricketers.

Who have stepped into their shoes? Who are the leading batsmen, bowlers, wicketkeepers and all-rounders of international cricket? The following figures, complete to May 1, 1937, provide the answers to these questions:

BATSMAN—(700 RUNS)

	No. of Tests.	Runs.	100's	Aver.
D. G. Bradman (A.)	33	4,659	18	97.06
G. Headley (W.I.)	16	1,801	8	60.70
C. S. Dempster (N.Z.)	10	723	2	65.72
W. R. Hammond (E.)	62	5,388	16	59.86
J. H. Fingleton (A.)	14	1,066	5	48.45
S. J. McCabe (A.)	35	2,394	5	46.81
M. Leyland (E.)	40	2,577	8	43.76
B. Mitchell (S.A.)	27	1,033	4	42.95

BOWLERS—(30 WICKETS)

	No. of Tests	Wickets.	Aver.
E. A. Martindale (W.I.)	7	33	14.84
W. J. O'Reilly (A.)	22	114	22.90
H. Verity (E.)	29	107	23.07
W. E. Bowes (E.)	10	46	23.52
M. Nichols (E.)	13	39	25.41
W. Voce (E.)	23	92	26.20

ALL-ROUNDERS (350 runs and 25 wickets)

	No. of Tests.	Runs.	Aver.	Wkts.	Aver.
G. O. Allen (E.)	22	651	25.23	76	28.60
Amar Singh (I.)	7	394	30.30	26	30.64
L. N. Constantine (W.I.)	15	531	18.30	47	30.17
W. R. Hammond (E.)	62	5,388	59.86	76	36.81
S. J. McCabe (A.)	35	2,394	46.81	34	36.01
R. W. V. Robins (E)	15	521	27.42	56	28.30
H. Verity (E.)	29	548	23.82	107	23.07

WICKETKEEPERS

	No. of Tests.	Runs.	Aver.	Dismissals.
L. E. G. Ames (E.)	37	1,878	38.32	77
G. Duckworth (E.)	24	234	13.76	63
W. A. Oldfield (A.)	54	1,427	22.65	130

These figures emphasise the current shortage of all-rounders. Compared with men like M. A. Noble, J. M. Gregory, and W. W. Armstrong, McCabe's all-roundness is not impressive; and only a partisan could compare the four English representatives will predecessors like Rhodes, F. S. Jackson, J. W. H. T. Douglas, and Hirst.

So long as this famine lasts Test elevens must go into the field with "tails" of uncomfortable length.

ENGLISH CRICKETERS FOR INDIA

Lord Tennyson's Team Announced

Lord Tennyson's team to visit India next cold weather, states *The Statesman*, will, according to Mr. A. S. de Mello, hon. secretary of the Cricket Club of India, consist of the following:

Lord Tennyson: (Hampshire). P. G. H. Fender: (Surrey). G. O. Allen: (Middlesex). Leyland: (Yorkshire). Hammond: (Gloucestershire). Fagg: (Kent). Worthington: (Derbyshire). B. H. Lyon: (Gloucestershire). R. H. Moore: (Hampshire). I. S. Akers-Douglas: (Kent). Verity: (Yorkshire). Barnett (Gloucestershire). McCorkell: (Hampshire). Cover: (Surrey), or Voce (Notts).

It is quite probable that Patsy Hendren and Frank Woolley will be included.

Frank Tarrant has also advised the Cricket Club that if invited to do so he will be able to bring out an attractive team of Australian cricketers from the following: V. Y. Richardson, C. B. Grimmett, W. M. Woodfull, L. Fleetwood Smith, L. McCormick, E. H. Bromley, B. A. Barnett, A. F. Kippax, H. C. Chilvers, J. H. Fingleton, A. G. Chipperfield, S.J. McCabe, D. Tallon, C. R. Brown and O. Wendell Bill.

WEEK-END YACHTING

Britain won the Scandinavia Cup race by 22 points yesterday in the annual encounter with a Scandinavian team. Four yachts, with a crew of three, represented the teams, the race being in two stages. Tiffin was taken at the Club house.

Results:

Morning.—Britain, 24 points: Scandinavia, 13 points.

Afternoon.—Britain, 24 points: Scandinavia, 13 points.

Total.—Britain, 48 points; Scandinavia, 26 points.

Those taking part were:

Britain.—G. G. Wood, Lieut. C. D. A. Ross, Capt. D. M. Eley, H. S. Rouse, C. T. Davis, G. H. Gandy, Major B. E. C. Dixon, K. M. A. Barnett, D. W. Wagstaff, C. C. Blake, Capt. G. H. W. Baird, Major B. B. Edwards.

Scandinavia.—B. Naess, K. Knudsen, B. A. Anderson, H. Dreyer, G. Lundberg, N. W. Smeby, S. Berg, F. Y. Jensen, A. E. Fingalsen, J. Johnsen, E. Palmers, S. Jorgensen.

ANNUAL ATHLETICS

I.R.C. HAVE GOOD MEETING

The Indian Recreation Club ground was gaily decorated and thronged with people yesterday for its sixth annual athletic meeting. Unlike other athletic meetings the I.R.C., while retaining a few championship events, composed their programme mainly of novelty events.

It was one of these novelty events that caused the events to fall behind the scheduled times. The Mathematical Races were not completed at the first try—the problems were too difficult! Great amusement was caused during the Obstacle Race in which the last was first. A. K. Minu though reaching the tape last, was awarded the race because he was the only one to wriggle underneath tarpaulin which was broken during the struggle, the earlier ones to finish were all disqualified.

Prior to calling upon Mrs. A. G. Suffiad to distribute the prizes, Mr. A. el Arculli, President said it was very gratifying to have so many people attend the meeting. The year for the Club had been very successful. They had tied with the Hongkong Cricket Club for the first division cricket championship. To the cricketing members of the Club the heartiest congratulations were extended. In the tennis world the Club had also been successful. H. D. Rumjahn had reached the final of the Open Singles Championship and the Club hoped that he and his cousin, S. A. Rumjahn, would succeed in the Open Doubles.

The thanks of the Club were due to Messrs. A. Rahmin (Sports Secretary) and A. B. Minu (Hon. Secretary) for the spade work done in preparing the sports for that afternoon. Grateful thanks were extended to the prize donors, the Officer Commanding and Officers of the H.K.S.R.A. for the music rendered during the afternoon by the Pipe band and Capt. D. C. Chopra.

THE RESULTS

The results were:

Cricket Novelty.—1 M. I. Razack; 2, M. Y. Adal.

100 Yards Mathematical Race (Boys under 12).—1, S. K. Hoosenally; 2, F. G. Curreem; 3, T. A. Kader.

100 Yards Mathematical Race (Girls under 14).—1, L. Curreem; 2, Z. el Arculli; 3, Mary Suffiad.

50 Yards Three-Legged Race.—1, K. Nazarin and A. R. Kitchell; 2, D. M. A. Razack and M. I. Razack.

50 Yards Mathematical Race (Members of the Ladies' Section).—1, Miss A. H. Curreem; Miss Z. el Arculli; 3, Miss L. Suffiad.

Egg and Spoon Race (Members 35 years and over).—1, R. Nazarin; 2, M. Mamak.

100 Yards Championship (Members).—1, S. A. Rumjahn; 2, M. el Arculli. Time:—10 4/5 secs.

20 Yards Pick-a-back Race (Boys under 10).—1, S. K. Khan and M. M. Samy; 2, M. Razack and A. Ali; 3, S. H. Khan and A. G. Hyder.

80 Yards Handicap (Girls under 10).—1, Lakiba; 2, O. B. Omar; 3, J. L. Arculli.

Lawn Bowls Event.—1, M. A. Khan; 2, E. Ikpotulis; 3, S. A. Ismail.

220 Yards Handicap (St. John Ambulance, Indian Division).—1, A. A. Tipe; 2, Y. Tipe.

Wheel-Barrow Race.—1, M. I. Razack and A. K. Suffiad; 2, G. Butt and A. K. Minu.

220 Yards Handicap.—1, O. K. Sadick; 2, A. H. Ismail.

Egg and Spoon Race (Double-handed, 35 years or over).—1, R. Nazarin; 2, M. Mamak.

Ladies' Nomination Race.—1, Miss A. Ismail and A. R. Suffiad and Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Rumjahn tied; 3, Miss R. Simons and M. P. Madar.

120 Yards Handicap.—1, F. M. el Arculli; 2, A. el Arculli, jnr.

Obstacle Race.—1, A. K. Minu.

Egg and Spoon Race (Double-handed, Ladies. 50 yards).—1, Miss J. Hamet; 2, Miss D. el Arculli; 3, Miss Sariyah.

220 Yards Handicap (Open to Indian students from all Schools).—1, S. K. Khan; 2, B. Omoar; 3, A. G. Hyder.

Tennis Novelty (Men).—1, M. Y. Adal; 2, A. T. Barma.

Tennis Novelty (Ladies).—1, Miss H. Ismail; 2, Miss J. Hamet.

100 Yards Consolation Race.—1, Naranjan Singh; 2, K. M. Rumjahn.

How They Stand In The Tables

International Charity Cup Final

England 1 Ireland 3

Division I

Results

Athletic	0	R. Ulster Rifles	1
Kowloon Chinese	3	H.K. Police	1
South China "A"	4	St. Joseph's	0
*R.W. Fusiliers	-	Recreio	-

League Table

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Goals F.	Goals A.	Pts.
R. Ustr. Rifles	25	18	3	4	65	24	39
S. China "A"	25	15	5	5	61	23	35
S. China "B"	24	13	5	6	55	38	31
Seafth. Hldrs.	23	13	4	6	51	39	30
Royal Navy	26	12	4	10	55	47	28
R.W. Fusiliers	23	11	5	7	40	32	27
St. Joseph's	26	12	3	11	42	39	27
Kowloon F.C.	26	10	4	12	32	50	24
Recreio	23	9	5	9	39	48	23
Eastern Ath.	26	8	4	14	45	62	20
Hongkong F.C.	23	9	0	14	41	43	18
Athletic	26	6	6	14	28	48	18
K. Chinese	23	4	6	13	30	57	14
H.K. Police	25	2	5	18	25	65	9

* Not played.

Division II

Results

R. Engineers	2	R.A. Lyemun	1
R.W. Fusiliers	1	R.A. S'cutters	1
*Kowloon Chinese	-	Chinese Police	-
*Seaforth Hldrs	-	Hongkong F.C.	-

League Table

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Goals F.	Goals A.	Pts.
Royal Navy	25	22	2	1	120	26	46
R.W. Fusiliers	25	18	5	2	91	23	41
R. Engineers	24	17	1	6	71	33	37
South China	26	14	6	6	60	38	34
Seafth. Hldrs.	23	13	5	5	60	37	31
R.A. Lyemun	25	12	6	7	67	37	30
R. Ustr. Rifles	23	13	3	7	65	38	29
R.A. S'cutters	26	7	6	13	40	65	20
Chinese Police	25	7	4	14	41	75	18
Kowloon F.C.	24	7	3	14	38	59	17
Athletic	25	7	3	15	32	65	17
Hongkong F.C.	24	4	2	18	24	92	10
Eastern Ath.	26	3	4	19	36	111	10
K. Chinese	22	2	4	16	29	91	8

* Not played.

Division III

Results

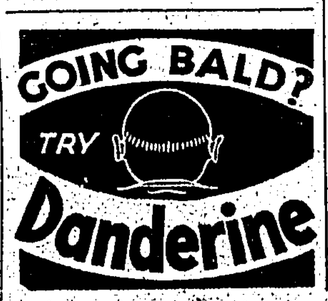
Seaforths	3	Kwong Wah	3
R.A.F.	1	Liga Portuguesa	5
R.A.O.C.	5	Recreio	2
R.W. Fusiliers	3	R.A.M.C.	2
R.A.S.C.	5	Police (C)	2

League Table

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Goals F.	Goals A.	Pts.
R.W. Fusiliers	26	21	3	2	111	24	45
R.A.O.C.	24	19	1	4	82	21	39
L. Portuguesa	25	18	3	4	88	39	39
Seafth. Hldrs.	24	15	4	5	85	23	34
R.A.M.C.	23	15	1	7	62	37	31
Kwong Wah	24	12	6	6	74	48	30
R.A.F.	23	13	2	9	51	51	28
Recreio	23	10	1	12	55	48	21
R. Engineers	23	8	1	14	50	57	17
R.A.S.C.	25	6	3	16	33	73	15
St. Joseph's	23	6	2	15	33	80	14
Kumaon Rifles	24	4	1	19	36	118	9
Police (E)	22	3	1	18	25	82	7
Police (C)	23	2	1	20	25	100	5

Athens, Apr. 19.

A Chinese tennis player gained one of the finest victories in Europe to-day when Kho Sin-kie beat de Stefani of Italy in the finals of the men's singles of the Greek championships by a score of 9-7, 3-6, 10-8, 7-5. Stefani is generally reckoned to be amongst the European elite.



TWO-DAY RACE MEETING

PROGRAMME IS ANNOUNCED

The programme for the Fifth Extra Meeting of the Hongkong Jockey Club scheduled for May 15 (Saturday) and May 17 (Monday) has been issued as follows:

FIRST DAY

1.—2 p.m.—May Handicap, for China Ponies, "A" Class, One and a Quarter Miles.

2.—2.30 p.m.—Customs Handicap, First Section, for China Ponies, "C" Class, Six Furlongs.

3.—3 p.m.—Coronation Handicap, A Cup presented: with $500 added for Winner, for Australian Subscription Ponies of any Season, One and a Quarter Miles.

4.—3.30 p.m.—Lead Mine Handicap. —For China Ponies, "B" Class, From the 1½ Mile Post (About 5 Furlongs).

5.—4 p.m.—Stonecutters Plate, to be ridden by Jockeys who have not won ten races anywhere at any time, From the Two Mile Post Once Round and In.

6.—4.30 p.m.—Shatin Handicap, First Section, for China Ponies, "D" Class, One Mile.

7.—5 p.m.—Warwick Farm Handicap, for Australian Subscription Ponies of this Season, One Mile.

8.—5.30 p.m.—Customs Handicap, Second Section.

9.—6 p.m.—Shatin Handicap, Second Section. One Mile.

Daily Double Event:—Fifth and Seventh Races.

Entries close at Noon on Thursday, May 6.

SECOND DAY

1.—12.30 p.m.—Beaufort Plate, From the Two Mile Post Once Round and In

2.—1 p.m.—Bondi Handicap, for Australian Subscription Ponies, "A" Class, Six Furlongs.

Tiffin Interval

3.—2.30 p.m.—Green Island Handicap, First Section, for China Ponies, "C" Class, One Mile.

4.—3 p.m.—Coronation Plate, Presented: with $500 added for Winner. For China ponies, One and a Quarter Miles.

5.—3.30 p.m.—Coronation Cup, Presented: with $500 added for Winner. For sub-griffins of 1937, One Mile.

6.—4 p.m.—Manly Handicap, for Australian Subscription Ponies, "B" Class, From the 1½ Mile Post (About 5 Furlongs).

7.—4.30 p.m.—Lama Stakes, for China Ponies, "D" Class, to be ridden by Jockeys who have not won ten races anywhere at any time., From the Two Mile Post Once Round and In

8.—5 p.m.—Pineapple Handicap, for China Ponies, "B" Class, One and a Quarter Miles.

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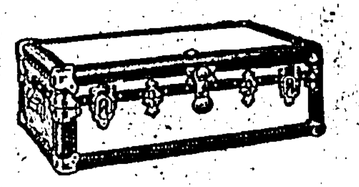

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SPARE MOMENT PAGE

SMITH HAS A DATE

He writes: "I'll meet you Monday, April 26, at 6.45 p.m."

As he writes he is using ideas many thousands of years old . . .

SMITH'S division of his day into hours has been borrowed from the ancient Egyptians. Thousands of years before Christ, the priests and farmers who lived on the banks of the Nile thought it would be useful to know what fraction of the day had gone by. So they built the first clocks known, and some of them can still be seen in museums.

As a rule they were made by fastening a wooden lath at right angles to another. When the sun rose, the instrument was put flat on the sand pointing towards the East. A shadow was then cast on the bottom lath, and this shadow became shorter and shorter until midday, when the clock was turned towards the West.

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THE bottom lath was divided into six portions, so that there were six "hours" from sunrise to midday, and six from midday to sunset. Probably, at this time, like the Babylonians, the Egyptians counted in twelves and sixties, and not in tens as we do.

Traces of this ancient system are still to be found in our own choice of sixty minutes in an hour. Later, too, when we found out how to make clocks accurate enough to measure divisions of time even more minute than the minute, we decided to have sixty of these second minutes in a first minute.

But why does Smith call the days of the week by their names?

Here again Smith is following Egyptian and Babylonian customs. The brilliant appearance of the night sky in those dry, clear climates early drew men's eyes towards the stars.

They noticed that they all rise in the east and move together as one system towards the west. They could make maps of the stars, which show once and for all how they are arranged.

It was then noticed that five stars move about among the others in very eccentric manner. These are called planets, or "wanderers of the sky." The sun and the moon also belong to this group, which thus numbers seven altogether.

These noteworthy planets were thought of as associated in close manner with the gods, and were given their names. The priests thought that, by studying their movements and positions, they would get knowledge of the future intentions of the gods.

And now came an important step; each day was put under the particular protection of a planet-god, and the days thus fell obviously into groups of seven.

Not only was each day of the week ruled by a planet-god, but also each hour of each day was under particular protection. The astronomer-priests of ancient Mesopotamia had prepared lists of the planets in the order of their distances from the earth—and pretty accurate they were. These lists read: Saturn furthest, Jupiter next, Mars, Sun, Venus, Mercury, Moon nearest.

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SUPPOSE now that we have a day the first hour of which is under the protection of Saturn. Then Saturn would rule from midnight to 1 a.m., Jupiter from 1 a.m. to 2 a.m., Mars from 2 a.m. to 3 a.m., and so on.

If you go on in this way, you will find that the first hour of the next day is ruled by the Sun; the first hour of the following day by Mars, and so on.

Last, if we agree to call the day by the planet that rules over its first hour we shall get the following list: Sun's day, Moon's day, Mar's day, Mercury's day, Jupiter's day, Venus' day, Saturn's day.

It was this division of the week that the Saxons found when they came to Britain—the Romans had brought it from the East. But though the Saxons kept some of the Roman gods, others they replaced by their own.

For instance, they called the god of war Tiw, not Mars; and in the same way, Mercury became Woden, Jupiter became Thor, and Venus became Frey. The Saxon week—which is our own—thus ran: Sun's day, Moon's day, Tiw's day, Woden's day, Thor's day, Frey's day, Saturn's day.

For business, trade, and agriculture Smith needs divisions of time larger than hours, days, or weeks. Two giant clocks, the moon and the sun, move about the heavens. The first of these gives a convenient division of about twenty-nine days—the interval between one new moon and the next.

The second moves about among the stars, but returns exactly to the same place in 365 days 5 hours 48 minutes and 46 seconds—and this is the exact length of a year. It is evidently convenient to have a simple relation between the *month* and the year, and for centuries attempts were made to find one.

The Egyptians, a practical people, decided to have months of alternately twenty-nine and thirty days, but this gave them a year of only 354 days.

The Roman calendar was a much more complicated affair. Originally it had ten months—304 days in a year. Clearly this would not do, so it was decided, about 700 B.C., to put in two extra months.

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THIS Roman year began in March, so that September, October, November, and December were the seventh, eighth, ninth, and months. Their names still remind us of this, since, they come from the Latin for those numbers.

This calendar was still inaccurate, and the first month—Mercedonius, the month of wages—was left out every other year. Normally, therefore, the Roman year consisted alternately of 355 and 377 days.

Confusion grew as time went, because the priests had the right of varying the length of Mercedonius according to their inclination or private profit. By the time of Julius Caesar things had become so bad that the spring festivals took place in midsummer.

Caesar decided on fundamental reform. He decreed that the year 46 B.C. should be the longest in history —445 days. Two new months were put in: July, so named from himself, and August, from the name of his successor.

From now on, the Roman year was to begin in the month of Janus, the two-faced god of boundaries, who looked both forwards and backwards. And because his astronomers had told him that the length of a year was 365¼ days, Caesar declared that every fourth year should be a leap year of 366 days.

But Caesar's calculations were wrong by 11 minutes and 14 seconds a year. By 1582 this error had accumulated to 10 days.

Pope Gregory therefore ordered that the day following October 4, 1582, should be called October 15. He also introduced our present rule for calculating leap years.

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PROTESTANT England refused to fall into line and carried on with the old calendar.

In 1751, however, Parliament decided on reform. They ordered that the day following September 2, 1752, should be called September 14. Furthermore, they decided that the year should henceforth begin on January 1 instead of on Lady Day, March 25.

This change was not at all welcomed. Up and down the country there were riots, and people were killed in Bristol. Their cry was: "Give us back our fortnight." Yet the Act of Parliament had been framed in such a way as to prevent injustice being done to anybody.

In financial matters Smith continues to use the old year: he still settles his accounts on quarter days, beginning on March 25.

So do all Englishmen—except Mr. Neville Chamberlain. More conservative than anybody else, the Chancellor still does not recognise the eleven lost days, but forces Smith to pay his income tax on March 25, plus eleven days, which equals April 5!

Smith now speaks of A.D. 1937. We all know what he means by the Year of Our Lord. But remember that when Christ was born no one considered this event important enough to count the years from it.

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PRIMITIVE people use no such system. They give a proper name to each year, just as we might speak of 1936 as "the Year of the Abdication," and of 1935 as "the Year of the Abyssinian War." By the time of Christ the Romans were counting from the year of the foundation of their city.

Most of the world went on doing this until about 1,400 years ago. Then Dionysius the Little, an abbot who ruled over a South Russian monastery, suggested changing over.

Had we gone on in the old-fashioned way we should now speak of A.U.C.—"anno urbis conditae," the year of the founding of the city —2689, and not of A.D. 1937. Incidentally, Dionysius seems to have made a slight miscalculation. Many scholars think that this year is really A.D. 1943.

Curious that when Smith was making a date he was following the ancient customs of primitive peasants and admitting the abstruse calculations and researches of the long-forgotten Dionysius! Curious, too, that he was putting himself under the protection of the moon and of a Roman god!

Work it out for yourself . . .

George, his wife, and young George went for a drive in the country last Sunday, and went exploring in an old tower. Unfortunately the caretaker forgot about them and locked them in.

The only means of escape before morning was a rope passing over a pulley fixed to the outside of the tower, with a basket on each end. Whenever one basket was at the window the other was on the ground below the tower.

And the rope was fixed so that the only way the baskets could be used was by placing a heavier weight in one than the other.

Now George weighed 195 lbs., Mrs. George 105 lbs., and young George 90 lbs., and in the tower they found a 75 lb. iron chain.

The weight in the descending basket could not exceed that in the ascending basket by more than 15 lbs. without the descent being fatally fast for a human being. And only two persons, or one and the chain, could be placed in the same basket at the same time.

How did George get them all down, and, incidentally, take the chain with him as a souvenir? If you can't work it out, it tells you at the foot of Column Five.

SCIENCE IS NEWS

MATURING WHISKY WITH SOUND

By John Langdon-Davies

WHISKY has just been aged four years in seven hours by screaming at it. Dr. L. A. Chambers reports that very important effects have been observed in liquids subjected to a kind of bombardment by sound waves. He produces, electrically, sound vibrations a hundred times as loud as a full orchestra, choosing a note about an octave below the top D on your piano.

These vibrations are exactly like intense hammer blows hitting the whisky twelve hundred times a second and under this bombardment the same changes take place as normally occur over long times when the whisky is "matured in the wood."

In the same way the structure of milk undergoes changes of great importance. Dr. Chambers found that the vibrations altered the milk so that it was no longer possible to separate the cream. It is possible that this will make it more digestible.

The exciting thing about these experiments is the use that can be made of them in medicine. It is known that the extent to which the body can absorb food or drugs depends partly on the size of the particles of which the substance is composed and perhaps we shall have a large number of new and more valuable medicines thanks to sound wave bombardment.

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IN a newspaper there recently appeared the photograph of an ordinary looking American business man, and beneath it the words, "President of the Indium Corporation of America."

This means that another precious metal has ceased to be a chemist's curiosity and entered the world of commerce.

Rather more than fifty years ago somebody discovered element number 49. For a long time it remained nothing but a bright line seen through a spectroscope. Only twelve years ago this business man tried to buy an ounce and was willing to pay more than sixty pounds for it; now he can sell it to you for rather less than gold.

Indium has proved to have three chief values: first, it is softer than lead and melts at a very low heat not much above body temperature. You can combine it with other metals and melt it, then dip linen in it and wrap it round a broken leg and it will harden into a better cast than plaster makes. It is already being used by doctors and artists for this purpose.

Second, it is more lustrous than silver and has a great future in jewellery art. Third, it is as untarnishable as gold.

A few years ago you had never heard of chromium; now watch out for indium, you will soon find it put in your mouth by your dentist, or put on your finger by your fiance, or put in the roof of your flat by the builder as part of a sprinkler system against fire, or combined with other metals to save the housewife from having to polish the "silver."

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NEWS-REELS for some time have been showing factories making Britain's future gas-masks. Soon Hongkong's supply will begin to arrive.

This has brought new problems for the social psychologist. The Air Raids Precautions pamphlets all emphasise that the worst danger in any air attack will not be fire, nor gas, nor high explosive, but fear. Already we are being given "treatment" to counteract this mass-fear, by being shown films of calm people calmly putting on masks at gas-drills.

But should children be instructed in mask-drill? A British school authority recently opposed this as it might produce nervous tension. Psychologically speaking, I think this is wrong. Children do not get afraid unless their adults are frightened first and show it.

I cannot imagine anything more terrifying for a child than to see a room full of people in gas masks for the first time at the moment of a gas-attack.

If Hongkong is ever raided it is to be hoped that children will be kept away from adults who cannot hide their terror. Perhaps the school ought to be the unit for anti-gas preparations rather than the home.

One thing has been omitted in all the official anti-air-raid pamphlets—wads of wool for the ears. It is noise that produces panic more than anything.

Worked out for you . .

After some careful thought George started to solve the problem in Column Three by sending the chain down in one basket, thus bringing up the other.

Then young George went down,—thus—bringing—up—the chain. The chain was taken out and George sent his wife down, bringing young George back again.

Next the chain was sent down alone, and, following this, George went down, bringing up the chain and Mrs. George.

Once more the chain went down alone, after which young George went down, bringing up the chain.

Mrs. George then removed the chain and went down, bringing up young George. The chain was sent down alone. Young George went down with the chain as counterweight.

And, lastly, when young George stepped out of the basket on to the ground, the chain came down by the law of gravity.

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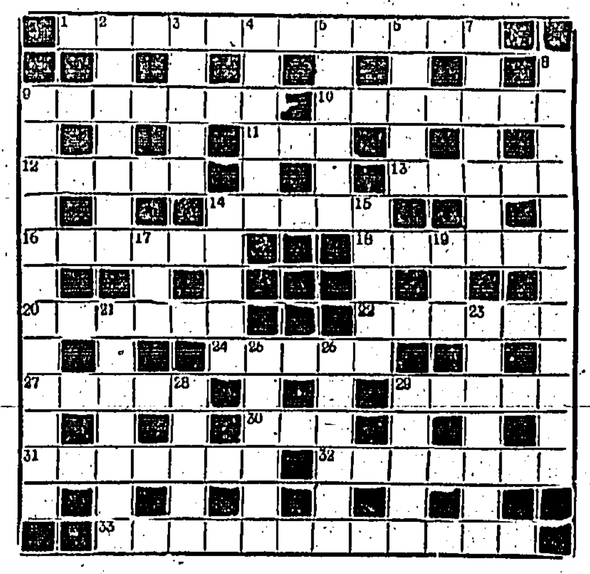

ACROSS

1 Throw your map into the Eastern river, a fitting place for it.
9 Depressions countenanced with equanimity by girls.
10 Flexibly connected.
11 Spells the end of any good cause.
12 Measures.
13 The heart of the crowd is not for peace.
14 Cattle.
16 Scots girl—English girl, that is.
18 Watch for the man who goes for the game.
20 You can't help getting a touch of the sun in this position.
22 If gold, I should like to halve it —the second half.
24 Dares to be wrong.
27 Like a ham in a ham and beef shop (two words, 2, 3).
29 The Italian singer calls for beer.
30 To be right here you want the wrong prefix.
31 Good housewives don't use this duster.
32 Reaches.
33 One can do this London suburb with envy, it might appear (two words, 7, 5).

DOWN

2 Notes about foreign coins.
3 Limps and stops simultaneously.
4 You may take it that the bird looks back at the fool.
5 The thing to make one protest.
6 Rugger scores.
7 Draw by a small publication.
8 Shadows of coming events make a silent start.
9 Kindling for fogies (three words, 3, 3, 6).
14 Proverbially a long time.
15 What you might expect to find in hose, but not in the watering-can.
17 Just a word in season, my boy.
19 I never hear this brute called anything but sorry. But some women do.
21 The Story of Bill, obviously.
23 A good radiant heat is got from this form of sage-fir.
25 Get in a tangle.
26 Mad, sir? (anag.).
28 One of those who book a bet.
29 Upsets the whole tribe.

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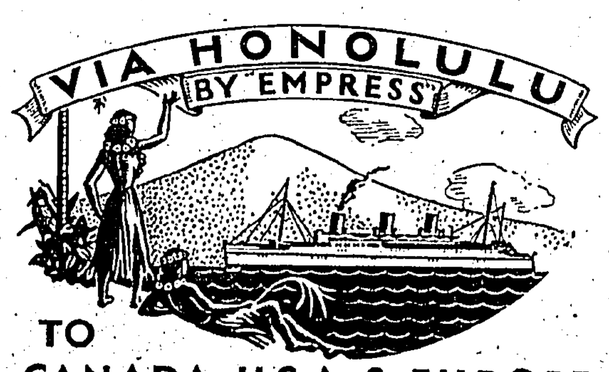

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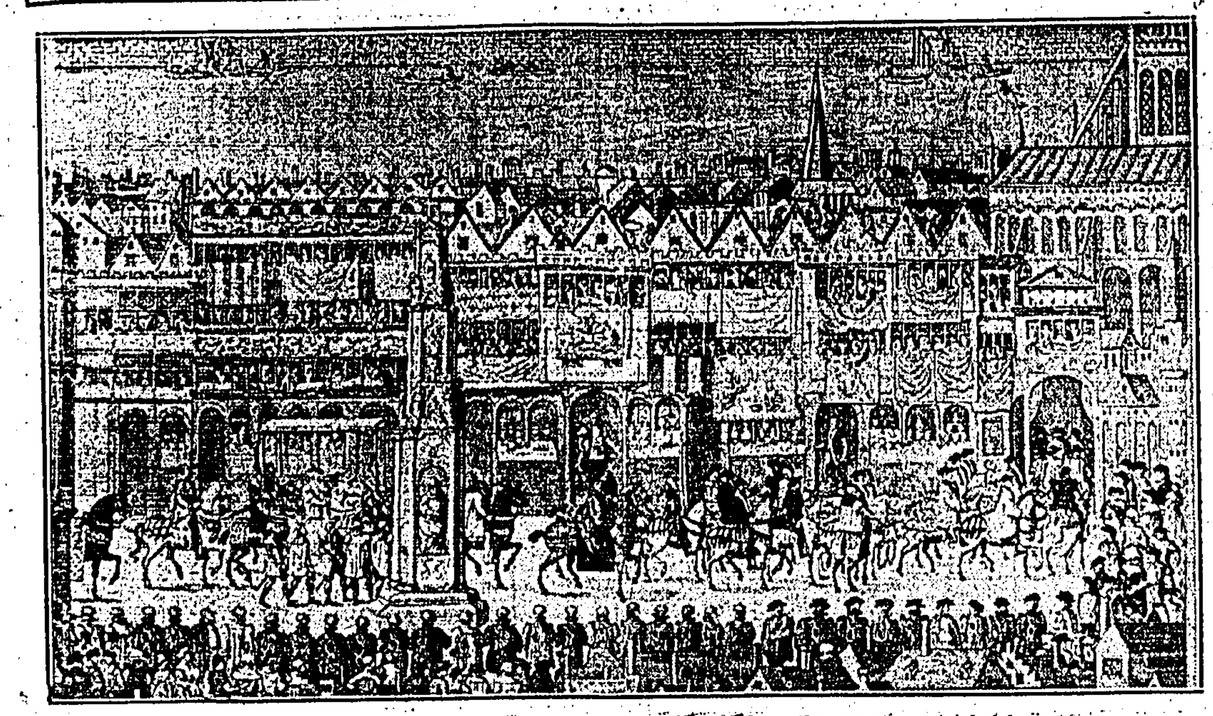
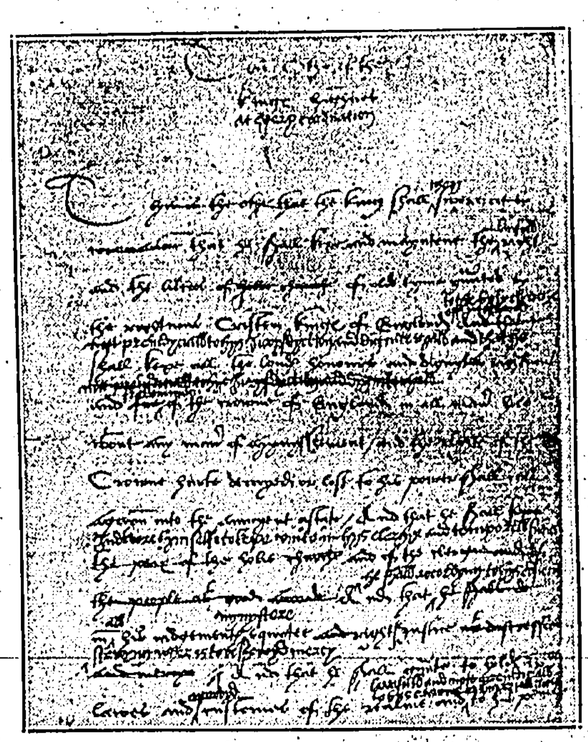
NOBILITY AT THE HUNT—The Duke of Norfolk, stage manager for the coronation, and his bride, the former Hon. Lavinia Strutt, as they appeared recently at the Holderness and Middleton East hunt at Burton Agnes Hall, York, England.

How Britain Crowned Ancient Kings



PROCESSION OF EDWARD VI—This reproduction of an ancient engraving shows the procession of Edward VI, who acceded to Britain's throne in 1547, passing through Cheapside from the Tower to his coronation. The King, on a white horse, at the left of the monument, is under a canopy carried by four bare-headed riders. One of the two dark-robed figures in centre is probably the Archbishop of Canterbury. Craftsmen in their liveries line the windows.

BACK IN 1307—This ancient manuscript at Corpus Christi College, Cambridge, depicts the coronation of, probably, Edward II, in 1307. The King is seated in St. Edward's chair and holds St. Edward's staff in one hand and the orb in the other. He wears a jewelled crown of fleurons.



HENRY CORRECTED IT—Here is the draft of a new coronation oath for Henry VIII—he of many wives—who came to the British throne in 1509. Henry evidently didn't like it much and made his own corrections in it, as shown. The three lines at the top read: "The Othe of the kinges highnes at every coronation." Henry made it begin: "The king shall then swere . . ."

ST. EDMUND CROWNED — This 12th century manuscript is almost like a caricature of the coronation of St. Edmund (841-870). A bishop or archbishop places the crown on the King's head, while a similar prelate hands the King the sceptre. The crown seems to be a closed helmet.

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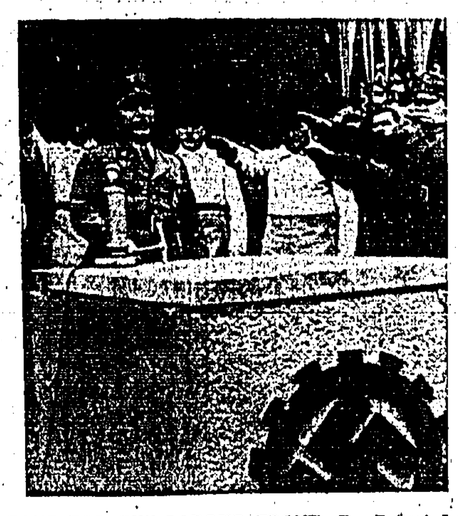
Women of the royal family usually wear a train, clasped on the shoulders. It would be difficult for the ten-year-old Princess to handle a long train, dragging it heavily over steps and the long Abbey aisle.

At the coronation of George V. the fourteen-year-old Princess Mary got into difficulties with hers. A magnificent ten feet of scarlet velvet and ermine, it was wearying job for her to catch the train and balance her coronet. Her coronet fell just as she entered the Abbey.

It is the first time Princess Elizabeth has worn a coronet. A light, simple one is being made for her.

Her dress beneath the kirtle will be white, high-waisted and frilly. She will wear white stockings, white slippers, and long white gloves.



STONE FOR THE LABOUR FRONT—Dr. Robert Ley, Nazi Labour Front leader, lays the cornerstone for the new building of the German Labour Front at Leipzig. This ceremony was on the occasion of the opening of the Leipzig fair. Dr. Ley's special duties are to train new Nazi leaders among German youth who, it is expected, will carry on the Nazi policies in the future.

BRITAIN'S "INFERIOR" NEW CRUISERS

German Advantage In Gun Power

NAVY AGREEMENT BARRIERS

(By A Naval Correspondent)

Great Britain is building 14 cruisers under the programmes of 1936 and 1937, but every one of these ships will be far inferior to the cruisers now under construction for the German Navy.

This is one of the remarkable facts of the British naval rearmament programme, which has been largely caused by the rearmament of Germany.

Last week, in the House of Commons, Mr. Churchill stated that the rate of British naval building would make it impossible for Germany to exceed for many years the strength equal to 35 per cent. of that of the British Navy, which was accorded to her under the Anglo-German Naval Agreement of 1935. He alluded to this as a comforting example of the sanctity of international undertakings.

Yet the new cruisers being built for the British Navy are of two types, both inferior to the new German cruisers. The British cruisers are either of 8,000 tons or of 5,300 tons, mounting a main armament of 6in. guns in each case. Germany has under construction three cruisers of 10,000 tons, which will be armed with 6in. guns.

The reason for this is to be found in the Anglo-German Naval Agreement and in the Naval Treaty of last year.

EIGHT-YEAR-OLD SHIPS

Under the Anglo-German Naval Agreement, Germany is entitled to 35 per cent. of the British naval strength in each category of warship. This, since the British Empire, has 12 cruisers mounting 8in. guns, Germany is entitled to build four of such ships. No account is taken of the fact that the majority of the British cruisers of this type were completed eight and nine years ago, when the development of air power was not recognised as it is to-day.

The London Naval Treaty of 1930 instituted a "holiday" in the building of cruisers with 8in. guns. This "holiday" is designed to last six years and applies only to the Powers signatory to the Treaty. Moreover, that Treaty fixed the maximum displacement for cruisers mounting 6in. guns at 8,000 tons.

The Treaty has so far been ratified only by America, but Great Britain is considering herself bound by it in the framing of her building programmes.

In capital ships, also, the British Empire is voluntarily building ships which, on paper, are inferior to those being built abroad. The first five battleships to be built for the British Navy under the rearmament programme are to mount 14-in. guns.

GUNS OF OTHER NAVIES

If Japan rejects this limit, there is little doubt that America will plan to mount 16-in. guns in the two capital ships which she proposes to lay down this year. In any event, there are to-day five capital ships under construction designed to mount 15-in. guns. Italy is building two such ships, France two, and Germany one.

Italy has stated her willingness to accept a limit of 14-inches for the gun calibre of capital ships, but such a limit will apply only to ships to be laid down in the future.

In destroyers, too, many of the ships being built for the Royal Navy are inferior in gun-power to the equivalent ships being built abroad, but this is somewhat outweighed by the new British destroyers of the "Tribal" class, which will be more heavily gunned than any other destroyers afloat.

Henry Ford Gives His Views On Riches

Ways, Ga., April 15.

Henry Ford, approaching his seventy-fourth birthday this summer, said in an interview at his farm home here that he does not share John D. Rockefeller's ambition to reach a certain age.

"I hope I'll be here as long as I'm useful," said the Detroit automobile manufacturer. He added that he hoped Mr. Rockefeller reached his goal of 100.

Mr. Ford attributed his good health to "temperance in all things" and a life of activity. He keeps busy all day on his winter estate here, walks briskly or runs every morning and exercises after each meal.

"I think that good health is a fundamental part of success," he said, "because a person will be active if he is healthy. For my part, I keep going."

Turning to the present economic outlook, Mr. Ford said he believed a worldwide migration from urban centres back to farms is "sure to come" and will, to a large extent, solve unemployment and other economic ills.

"All the wealth comes out of the land," he said. "It's the only security in the world, and I see a new era ahead in this gradual return to the soil."

"Folks will go back to the country with a touch of city life, and good transportation will make it possible for them to maintain connection with industry—and other activity in the cities."

RETURN TO FARMS

For years Mr. Ford has advocated a mixture of agriculture and industry, urging workers in manufacturing plants to have farms. His own "unit industries" in various sections of the country are surrounded by farming land. He recently announced plans to build a parts plant in this community, with farms near by.

"Returning to the farm may be a hard dose for some people, but that's where they are headed for eventually," Mr. Ford said.

"A man and his family can be self-sustaining on a farm. By having a garden he is immediately insured of his living. Of course, he ought to find some work, too. The real New Deal mixes land and industry. It must start with the children and will require a generation, but results will be noticeable after a few years."

SHORTER WORKING WEEKS

He said he felt industry ought to foster farming among its workers, furnishing the land if necessary.

In time, he believes, shorter working weeks would come about, giving workers more time to spend in their gardens, and affording employment to a greater number of men.

Mr. Ford was asked what advice he would offer a school boy who wants to succeed.

"Let him learn as much as he can about everything," Mr. Ford replied. "He doesn't know what he will need in his lifetime. He should also do all possible to keep himself healthy."—*United Press.*

Darwin's Theory Applied To Mankind

SIR ARTHUR KEITH DISAGREES

Has man an instinctive pleasure in mental work?

Mr. Alfred Machin, in "Darwin's Theory Applied to Mankind" (Longman's, 7s. 6.), expresses the opinion that man has developed such an instinct. "Men has always been an observer, a thinker, and an experimenter," he states.

In the future, Mr. Machin suggests, man's thinking powers are going to be still more severely taxed.

Sir Arthur Keith flatly disagrees. "I have found mental toil the most arduous, unnatural and distasteful of all the things we modern human beings have to do," he states in a foreword to the book. "As a medical man, I came back to study after three years in a real jungle in the East, and those early days of struggle between my brain and me are vivid still—although nearly half a century has come and gone since we fought.

"Mental toil," he adds, "is the most unnatural of human attainments. It is also painful; it is just a means to a pleasant end. Mankind will never get its happiness thus. Yet I wish it might be—as Mr. Machin hopes it will be—that 'Man's pleasure in mental work will expand'."

NO REST FROM WAR

On the other hand, Sir Arthur agrees with Mr. Machin that man is not for long likely to find rest from war. "Our world," he states, "has never had peace—not even for a year. What would our world look like at the end of five centuries of peace? No one can tell or even guess. Much, I suspect, as an orchard that has not known the pruning hook for many an autumn, and has rioted in unchecked overgrowth for endless years."

Here are sport and recreation, as Mr. Machin sees them:

"In recreations," he states, "men release themselves from the strain of the new life and refresh themselves by pursuing the survival values of the life for which they were originally designed. In hunting, shooting, and fishing they are killing wild things, and so exactly repeating the old life. In games and sport there is the exercise of that physical strength, skill, and craft which were formerly the survival values of the men whose lives depended on success in fighting men and beasts."

Mr. Machin's book is an interesting study of the different qualities which, at various stages in man's history, have made for survival, and so, according to Darwinian theory, modified the future development of the race.

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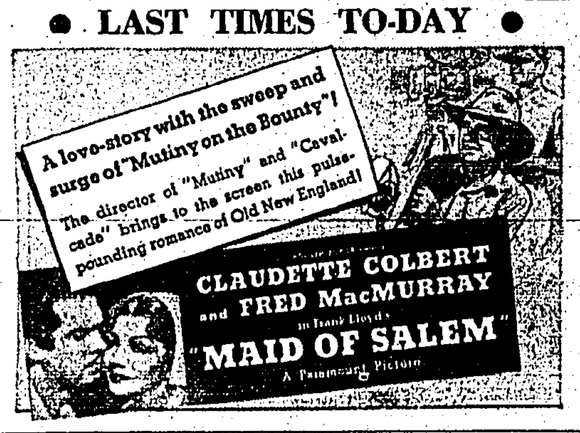

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TAIPO ORPHANAGE

CONCERT AT ST. STEPHEN'S GIRLS' COLLEGE

The Kwok Siu-lau Hall in St. Stephen's Girls' College was well filled by a large gathering on Saturday evening when a concert in aid of the Taipo Rural Orphanage was presented by a number of local artists, besides contributions from the pupils of the School.

The first item on the programme was a sketch entitled "Travelling Waxwork Museum," and portrayed a number of waxwork figures of various periods and countries students of the School in costume. A great deal of amusement was provided by the shrewish and ingratiating mistress of the museum, and her lazy and talkative maid.

Miss Caroline Braga followed with a piano solo "Burlesque," by Alenoff, which was well received, and members of the Hongkong Reel Club then gave an exhibition of Highland dancing—the "Argyle Broadsword." This was one of the most popular items of the evening and the applause compelled the dancers to give an encore. A piper accompanied the dances.

Miss Eva Turner was in fine voice with her rendering of two songs, "The Vain Suit," by Brahms, and "O Yes! Just so," by Bach. As an encore, she gave an old Irish song, "I know where I'm going."

The Rev. Cyril Brown gave a wonderful performance as Prof. Mysto, the memory man. A list of 25 articles was supplied by members of the audience and written on a blackboard, and the Professor enumerated the items correctly in order while blindfolded. He was deservedly applauded.

Vocal duets, "Let's imitate her notes," by Handel, and "Friendship," by Theo Marzials, were given by Miss Eva Turner and Mrs. Gladys Shaw. Conjuring by Mr. H. Millington followed, and Mrs. Shaw, then sang two songs, Godard's "Song of Florian," and Keel's "Lullaby."

The Rev. C. B. R. Sargent contributed two songs, "Had a Horse," relating a story of war, with its plundering and destruction in Hungary, and "Old Mother Hubbard," based on the famous nursery rhyme, set to music by Handel. The applause which greeted these two numbers was so insistent that the Rev. Mr. Sargent returned to render "The Toreador's Song."

Mr. Lindsay A. Lafford was accompanist to all the songs sung by Miss Turner, Mrs. Shaw and the Rev. Mr. Sargent.

A well acted Chinese play by the pupils of the Heep Yunn School and St. Stephen's Girls' College, in which gorgeous costumes were worn by the players, brought the programme to a conclusion.

The Taipo Rural Orphanage is on the Taipo Road near the 13½ milestone, where young boys are taught agriculture and farming, and girls are taught domestic duties. These children attend school for three hours a day, and are under the care of men and women teachers. The School is registered with the Government and is classed as a "mixed vernacular boarding school."

It is understood that a sum between $450 and $500 was collected for the Orphanage as a result of the concert.

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DESTROYER HOLDS UP BRITISHER

Valencia, Apr. 26.

A British oil tanker was stopped outside Barcelona by an Italian destroyer, according to a Government communique.

The destroyer steamed off when Spanish Government planes appeared, but returned and again attempted to stop the ship.

Government planes interfered a second time and on this occasion the tanker reached Barcelona.—*Reuter.*

Escapes Submarine Attack

Valencia, Apr. 26.

A submarine, believed to be a German, attempted to torpedo the Spanish merchantman, Cyclope, between Valencia and Alicante to-day.

It is reported that the submarine appeared on the surface opposite Calpe, and its officers ordered the Cyclope to proceed to Majorca. The master of the Cyclope refused to comply.

The submarine then discharged a torpedo, the Cyclope officers relate, but the merchantman, "by a clever manoeuvre," avoided the torpedo and proceeded safely to Valencia.—*United Press.*

Insurgent Protest

Salamanca, Apr. 25.

The Insurgent Junta at Burgos has protested energetically to Great Britain, accusing British warships of flagrant violation of the principle of neutrality by intervening between cargo ships, running the Bilbao blockade, and the Insurgent cruiser Almirante Cervera.

The Insurgent Junta requests measures to prevent repetition of such incidents.

The note evidently related to the action of H.M.S. Hood, six miles off Bilbao Saturday, when she warned the Almirante Cervera against interfering with British ships outside the Spanish territorial limits. The Spanish ship had fired across the bows of the foodship McGregor, one of the three vessels which had been held up at St. Jean de Luz, fearing the risk of capture by the Insurgents was too great to be run.—*Reuter.*

Dare Rebel Guns

Santander, Apr. 25.

The Jenny, formerly a Greek steamer, now registered at London, carrying a cargo of foodstuffs, and the Glasgow steamer Oak Grove, in ballast, have arrived here.—*Reuter.*

Safe At Bilbao

Paris, Apr. 25.

It is learned here through the Basque Government authorities that the British steamers Thurston and Stresso, both carrying cargoes of food, have arrived safely at Bilbao, despite the Insurgent blockade.—*Reuter.*

Not Molested

Bilbao, Apr. 25.

Unlike the exciting voyages of the previous blockade-runners, the British steamers Thurston and Stresso were not in any way molested during their run here.

Captain Allen of the Stresso, inter-

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Rebel Threat To Fire On British Ships

Gibraltar, Apr. 26.

General del Lano, Insurgent commander-in-chief in Seville, has issued a broadcast warning, stating it is "likely that Nationalists' ships will fire" on British warships in the event of their continuing to protect Bilbao-bound merchantmen.

Simultaneously it was revealed that the Loyalist warship, Jaime Primero, had grounded off Sabinal Point, a mile offshore, after bombarding Malaga. One tug and two destroyers are endeavouring to refloat her.—*United Press.*

A *Reuter* message adds that an Insurgent broadcast claims the cruiser Canarias forced the Jaime Primero ashore in a sea battle.—*Reuter.*

Chileans May Break With Loyal Spain

Outraged At Arrest Of Ambassador

London, Apr. 26.

Diplomats here say Chile, for the past 24 hours, has been on the verge of breaking off relations with the Loyalist Government in Spain as a result of the detention of the Chilean Ambassador, Senor Morgada, by the Valencia authorities on the allegation that he was suspected of espionage.

It is reported the Government has threatened to hand the Spanish Ambassador his passports, but that it is awaiting Senor Morgada's report before acting.

The Chilean Government's hesitation to expel the Spanish Ambassador, Senor Rodrico Phenaldamir, is partially based on fear for the safety of the remaining Chileans at the Embassy in Spain.

It is stated that a Spanish apology and withdrawal of charges against the Ambassador may forestall a severance of relations.—*United Press.*

Mutiny Saps Strength Of Rival Armies

Loyalists And Rebels Fight Dissension

Ultimatum Sent To Trapped Moors

(Special to "Telegraph")

Hendaye, April 26.

Reports from the Basque frontier state that Government firing squads have smashed the revolt of six battalions of Asturian dynamiters who were attempting to overthrow the Bilbao authority.

It is understood the Asturians refused to penetrate the Cantabrian Mountains to meet General Mola's advancing troops, complaining at the manner in which the Bilbao defence has been handled and finally rioting.

Civil Guards, however, disarmed the Asturians and executed their ring-leaders, following a speedy court-martial.

Insurgent despatches claim war planes have flown over Bilbao and bombed two British ships there, unloading food cargo. However, the Basques deny this, asserting jubilantly they have smashed the enemy's assault in the mountains and that General Mola's men have suffered heavy losses.—*United Press.*

REBEL REVOLT

Valencia, April 26.

It is reported here that a serious military revolt is under way in the city of Granada, accompanied by severe fighting.

It is understood 12 planes flew over the city at noon Sunday, seven dropping bombs and the others landing.—*United Press.*

MADRID SUFFERING

Madrid, April 26.

Rebels resumed their violent bombardment of Madrid to-day, killing 25 and wounding 65, thus shattering the 36-hour silence.

The bombardment followed a Loyalist ultimatum ordering the Moorish soldiers trapped in University City to surrender or face annihilation.

Fifteen shells crashed into the city, five of them exploding in the Plaza Cibelle. One struck the Post Office façade.

Loyalists claim successes on other fronts, including an advance in the Cordoba sector, gains in the Escorial and Toledo sectors, and the capture of a number of positions in the Guadalaramma area.—*United Press.*

IL DUCE MEETING GOERING

Perturbed At Long-Delayed Victory In Civil War

Playing Delicate Diplomatic Tune

Rome, April 26.

Fresh from his meeting with the Austrian Chancellor, Dr. Kurt Schuschnigg, the Italian Dictator, Signor Benito Mussolini, this morning meets General Herman Goering, the German Air Minister, who is now recognised as Dictator Hitler's envoy in dealing with Spanish affairs.

It is believed both statesmen are perturbed at the inability of General Francisco Franco to win the civil war, and relatives of Italian volunteers are known to be restless and anxious to see their fighting men again.

The German four-year plan will doubtless be broached during the conversations between Goering and Mussolini, for Goering is in charge of it, and Italy is co-operating with him.

Both countries are finding difficulty in finding raw materials necessary to re-armament, especially steel. This may be another topic for discussion.

But to-day's meeting is most significant for its bearing upon the efforts to strengthen the so-called "Rome-Berlin Axis," by the attraction of further allies to this association. It remains to be seen how far Dr. Schuschnigg has responded to Mussolini's attempts to draw him away from the orbit of the "Paris-London Axis." Europe is watching the apparent efforts to isolate Czecho-Slovakia, France's ally.

DIPLOMATIC SALESMEN

The next few weeks will see an intensive series of friendship visits by Italy's diplomatic salesmen. Count Ciano, the young Foreign Minister, will be one of the central figures. He is to go to Albania, Budapest, Bucharest and possibly Angora.

But the culmination of this eventful epoch will be Mussolini's visit to Hitler at Berchtesgaden—if he finally consents to make the trip.—*Reuter.*

Montreux Conference Obstacles

France Again Causes Awkward Delay

Session Must Be Adjourned

Montreux, Apr. 25.

A rift in the lute has occurred during the Franco-Egyptian talks here with respect to the revision of accords and agreements respecting Egypt's relations with the nations. The French submitted a memorandum explaining their desires in the matter of permanent relations, especially regarding the Treaty of Establishment.

After long conversations between the Egyptian Prime Minister, Nehas Pasha, and the French delegate, M. de Tassan, it appeared the Egyptian Government was not prepared to discuss the subject with a view to an immediate convention as it has not the necessary documentation available.

The Egyptians would like the capitulations question settled first, while the French wish for something definite on other points beforehand. M. de Tassan has again gone to Paris to discuss the situation with his Government, accompanied by the Minister Plenipotentiary M. La Gard. M. Hymens, the other French delegate, left last night. Hence, it appears obvious that to-morrow's general commission meeting must be adjourned as the Frenchmen are not expected to return before Wednesday.—*Reuter.*

NOTED SURGEON DIES

London, Apr. 26.

Major-General Sir Thomas Varr, K.C.M.G., who served under the Foreign Office as Physician to the Crown Prince of Siam, 1895-1899, and who distinguished himself in the Great War, died here to-day.—*Reuter.*

BRITISH MANOEUVRES IN ATLANTIC

Air and ocean were filled with a display of Britain's might, during recent manoeuvres in the South Atlantic, when planes and light cruisers of the combined British Atlantic and Mediterranean fleets swung into battle formation, as shown here. Because of the Spanish War the manoeuvres were transferred from the Mediterranean.

GREAT DISPLAY BY H.K. TROOPS FOR CORONATION

REVIEW WILL FEATURE COLONY CELEBRATIONS

The combined Coronation Review at Happy Valley on May 12 will be the most gigantic show of its kind ever staged in the Colony, and will form one of the main attractions of the local celebrations.

In addition to four line battalions, detachments will be on parade from the Royal Navy, the Royal Marines, Royal Artillery, Hongkong and Singapore Brigade, R.A., Royal Engineers, the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps, and Royal Air Force.

In charge of the review will be His Excellency the General Officer Commanding, Major General A. W. Bartholomew, who will be accompanied on the parade ground by Brigadier H. G. Seth-Smith, A.A. and Q. G. in Charge of Administration, Col. N. M. S. Irwin, G.S.O. 1., and his A.D.C., Lieut. P. J. Howorth.

This year's review will be held at 8 a.m., earlier than those of previous years, and the ceremonial will follow the procedure universally adopted in England in that the March Past before His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government, the Hon. Mr. N. L. Smith, will open the proceedings and not terminate them as has been the practice in Hongkong in the past.

History will be made at the May 12 parade in that the newly-formed Infantry Brigade will be present under the command of Brigadier F. W. L. Bissett, who is to be accompanied by Capt. R. H. Bower, Brigade Major and Capt. J. C. R. Fitzgerald Lombard, Staff Captain.

UNITS TAKING PART

The units taking part, together with their commanding officers, will be as follows:

Royal Navy: Two seamen companies and one platoon of Royal Marines under Cmdr. C. D. Arbuthnot, of H.M.S. Tamar.

Army: 8th. Heavy Brigade R.A.: three batteries under Major F. L. F. Roupell;

5th. A.A. Brigade R.A.: two batteries under Lieut. Col. W. T. O. Crewdson;

H.K.S.R.A.: comprising the 1st. and 2nd. Mountain Batteries and the 3rd. and 4th. Medium Batteries, under Major J. C. Currie;

Fortress Royal Engineers: three sections British and one section Chinese under Lieut. Col. L. C. Reid;

The 2nd. Battalion Royal Welch Fusiliers: 480 men under Col. D. M. Barchard;

The 1st Battalion Seaforth Highlanders: 480 men under Lieut. Col. J. Muirhead;

1st. Battalion Royal Ulster Rifles: 480 men under Lieut. Col. R. M. Rodwell; the 1st. Kumaon Rifles: 480 men under Lieut. Col. J. H. L. Hindmarsh.

Royal Air Force: a detachment of 25 files.

The Hongkong Volunteer Defence

(Continued on Page 5.)

Diplomat's Daughter Murdered

Beautiful Girl Shot Outside Vienna

Was Student Of Occult Science

Vienna, Apr. 26.

The tragic death of the beautiful, 20-year-old daughter of the Paraguayan Minister, Senorita Ingrid Weingreen, a devotee of occult sciences, is presenting a baffling problem to the authorities.

The girl was found dying in her car in the main Vienna-Trieste highway, near Neunkirchen, as a result of two revolver shots in her body.

Her property was apparently untouched. None of her jewellery was missing, and only a little suitcase had been smashed open. It contained a few commonplace articles which the assailant abandoned.

Six unused bullets were found in the car.

News of the tragedy was withheld for 24 hours. It is now suggested that the girl was motoring alone to visit another occult student and friend in Lower Austria when she was intercepted on the main road, induced to pull up by her assailant, who must have worked very swiftly.

The mystery is deepened by the apparent complete lack of motive.—*Reuter.*

CLOUDY WEATHER

The depression has moved eastward to the vicinity of Tokyo. Weak anticyclonic areas are situated over the Yangtse Valley and to the north of Hokkaido. Local forecast:—winds, moderate; cloudy.

200,000 Dead By Execution In Civil War

Paris, Apr. 26.

Spanish Insurgent sources estimate that 200,000 have been executed or assassinated on both sides in the civil war.

These causualties are exclusive of deaths in actual combat, which raise the total toll of the war to between 250,000 to 300,000.

The Bilbao offensive is described as the "biggest butchery" of the war, deaths being estimated in the neighbourhood of 19,000 already.—*United Press.*

Coronation Won't Stop Bus Strike

Undergraduates Lend Cars To Strikers

Union Refuses To Delay Crisis

London, Apr. 25.

While the Conciliation Department of the Ministry of Labour was striving to avoid a strike of 40,000 London busmen on May 1, the Transport Board announced it had suggested the issue should be avoided for a month in order not to disturb the exceptional May traffic. The union refused.

The Transport Board has informed the union that it is prepared to discuss other matters, but it will not entertain the workers' demand for a shortening of working hours. The men insist that the half-hour allowed at meal-times should be taken out of their eight-hour day, which would mean that they would work only seven and a half hours.

It is noteworthy that the Cup Final at Wembley and other important sporting events are fixed for May 1.

Meanwhile, the striking busmen in the south-eastern counties held many meetings to-day. Undergraduates of Cambridge lent the strikers their cars and provided them with money to buy petrol.—*Reuter.*

SWEEPING FRONTIER

Indian Brigade Now Cleaning Up

Simla, Apr. 25.

Continuing its clearing-up campaign in the disturbed frontier country where the fanatical Fakir of Ipi is leading his men on raids and ambushes, the Second Indian Infantry Brigade advanced southwards towards Khaisora Valley to-day, reaching Japer Camp.

The Brigade encountered slight opposition but suffered no casualties.—*Reuter.*

NOTE ON LONDON'S LATEST FASHIONS

Review of models sponsored by London Fashion Group. Chairman, Designer Victor Stiebel

By Jane Gordon

IT has taken our modest English creators of fashion some time to discover that faint heart never won fair American buyer.

Having learnt their lesson this season, they have not only lured the American buyers over to London to see the special collections produced for the U.S.A., but they have had the satisfaction of seeing their models go like hot cakes.

You will see from these sketches some of the clothes designed especially for America.

The evening dress of white satin brocade with touches of gold thread blending alternately with the sheen of the satin is a Worth model. There are two beads at the neckline and a gilt metal belt. White and gold is still Worth's favourite evening mixture.

The headdress is of tiger lilies with pale green leaves.

Next you see Dilkusha's single-breasted coat in black face cloth with a satin finish. It is fastened with five very large gilt buttons. On each button the English lion is stamped in black. This coat is worn over a print dress.

Above the two full-length figures you see Motley's huge white felt hat, set straight on the head with pretty frilled chin strap, and next to it Worth's evening headdress of gold flowers with black spotted veil worn with black fan and gloves over a white frock.

THE five small figures illustrate, first Teddy Tinling's black bolero dress with epaulettes of satin ribbon and loops down the side seam of the skirt. The bow on the hat carries out the Spanish effect.

Two is also from Teddy Tinling. It is a grey dress in interesting material of string and linen mixture with scarlet suede motifs of rearing horses on the handbag, gauntlet of the gloves, belt and pockets.

Three (that is the first of the three small figures at the right of the drawing) is Dilkusha's evening gown in heavy red crepe showing slashed back. The arrangement of fullness in the half train produces the interest.

Four is the coat that belongs to this dress. This is made of fine satin lined with pink, with red pockets and mittens with long gauntlets. Five is Leathercraft's evening wrap in bright scarlet suede.

HERE are some interesting signposts to indicate the high roads of Coronation fashions.

Bright tartans introduced by the English fashion designers in compliment to our Scottish Queen.

Indian paisleys of every type inspired by thoughts of the Durbar.

Materials and colours picked from the armies of all nation.

Khaki and Air Force blue, scarlet and navy mixtures and French Army blue—just to show that the fashion experts know what's what in Europe and Morocco.

The military shape of cats, cut square and flat across the back of the shoulders and nipped in at the waist with stiff fullness hanging from the waist to hem line, will make women hold up their heads and swagger around the street like cavalry officers on foot.

Next season's skirts on afternoon and evening dresses are cut wrap-round and fastened down the centre back with three buttons, the wrap-over flap hanging straight down the centre back.

EDWARDIAN evening dresses are an amusing contrast to the practical sheath-like dinner gowns we have been accustomed to wearing lately.

One in white chiffon with a high collar is fastened with blue satin bows, and another in turquoise blue chiffon with a high neckline is draped at the front of the bodice and has a bow of deep blue velvet at the back of the neck with long blue velvet streamers sweeping to the ground.

There are the Spanish evening dresses—one of Glenny's in white chiffon patterned with red and black is trimmed with black lace and has a black lace headdress.

HERE are a list of models which should give the student of fashion food for thought.

Motley's huge khaki cowboy hat worn with a grey suit.

Worth's enormous black and white shepherd's plaid three-quarter length coat cut with huge godets that make it swing out at the back, worn with a black skirt.

Dilkusha's grey dress with scarlet tartan sporan worn with a reversible glengarry of grey and tartan.

Mawdsley's khaki-coloured tight-fitting jacket worn with a black skirt and printed crepe blouse.

Motley's full-length mauve tweed evening coat with violets at the neck, and the olive-green corduroy coat cut in the new style with a full back.

Leathercraft's mustard suede dress with short sleeves worn over a three-quarter length grey suede coat flared at the back.

Bits To Cut Out

Knife Handles

DON'T you feel a fool when you are trying to cut a particularly tough piece of meat at dinner-time and the blade of your knife suddenly turns over on its side in the handle, which has become loose?

This happens because some one has left your knives lying in hot water while washing up, the handles becoming loose.

Here's the remedy. Detach the blade entirely from the handle and thoroughly clean the stem. Then melt some powdered resin (you can get some from your oilman) in a tin or an old saucepan over a gas-ring at the same time heating the stem of the blade.

Don't make it too hot, though, otherwise it might burn the handle, which is usually made of inflammable material. When the resin has melted sufficiently pour it over the stem and quickly insert it back into the handle. Don't use the knife for a couple of hours after this, as the resin must set firmly.

How To Freshen Cire Lace

LUSTROUS cire lace which has got dull and dirty can be sponged with warm soapy water and restored to its original stiffness and lustre in the following way:—

Make a thick starch paste by mixing two teaspoonfuls of starch in a cup of boiling water, and dissolve in this half an eggcupful of soap. Wet out the lace (after the sponging) in this paste and squeeze it well. Then iron it quickly with a very hot iron as hard as possible and until the lace is just dry. The combination of friction and drying, helped by the soap, makes the lace stiff and bright.

Good Cooking *By Ambrose Heath*

SEMOLINA

MANY people are rightly fond of semolina, but we cannot always eat it as a pudding. Here are one or two recipes for using it in other ways. (I have not forgotten the delicious Italian gnocchi alla Romana, but I gave that recipe last October.)

Soup

Make some good, clear consomme (or buy a tin of it), bring it to the boil and sprinkle in half an ounce of semolina for every pint of consomme. Cook gently for 20 minutes, stirring nearly all the time, and after seasoning it to your liking, serve it.

Frittors

Cook 4 oz. of semolina in a pint of milk until it leaves the sides of the saucepan, then add an ounce of butter, 2 oz. of castor sugar and a little orange or lemon flavouring. When it is cool beat in the yolks of four eggs and then the whisked whites. Fry spoonfuls of this mixture brown on both sides in butter, and serve them, well drained with a jam sauce.

With Cheese

Cook 4 oz. of semolina in a quart of milk for a quarter of an hour, then add 2 oz. of grated cheese, 2 oz. of butter, a teaspoonful of made mustard and salt, pepper and cayenne to taste. When well mixed put into a butter shallow fire-proof dish and sprinkle well with breadcrumbs mixed with grated cheese. Do over with butter and brown in a hot oven.

Stuffed Onions

Cook some semolina in stock instead of milk, and mix some grated cheese with it. Have some medium-sized Spanish onions, cut off the top a quarter the way down, and parboil them well. Now scoop out their insides, leaving the sides about a third of an inch thick. Chop up the scooped-out part and mix it with an equal amount of the prepared semolina. Then finish cooking the onions by brasing or baking.

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Russia Devotes One—Fourth of Revenue to Armaments

SOVIET HAS BIGGEST AIR FORCE, ARMY IN WORLD'S HISTORY

This the first in a series of uncensored dispatches on "Europe's war machines" by Webb Miller, European news manager of the United Press. The material was obtained on an aerial tour of the various European capitals and is being written in London.

By Webb Miller
United Press Staff Correspondent
London, Apr. 10.

SOVIET RUSSIA to-day has the most powerful war machine in the world.

Her army is the biggest in peace-time history.

And compared with other old war nations her military position is practically invulnerable.

Those statements can be made with reasonable certainty on the basis of what I was permitted to learn or witness on a trip to Moscow—first stop on my flying survey of Europe's 1937 war machines. The statements are made with a full knowledge of the fact that the country's policy of secrecy has had a tendency to result in exaggeration abroad of the military power of the Soviets—a result which the Soviets naturally have encouraged.

The Soviets in 1937 are devoting one-fourth of their entire budget to military preparations, totalling 26,000,000,000 roubles, which, at the arbitrary exchange rate of five roubles to the dollar, would amount to $5,200,000,000.

In numbers alone the Soviet standing army is the largest in the world, totalling 1,300,000 which is double what it was four years ago.

The Union has a population of 170,000,000—the largest in the world except for China—to draw upon. At present, the population yields a conscription class of 2,000,000 a year, from which only the best are chosen, to serve from two to four years.

Russia has 2,250,000 trained reserves and 1,250,000 partially trained. In addition, 13,000,000 youths receive rudimentary preliminary training under the volunteer air and chemical defence society.

Furthermore, the Soviets decided to adopt Benito Mussolini's plan for preliminary military training of children from eight years old and upwards in drills, games and sports designed to imbue them with the military spirit.

An advantageous feature of the Soviet army is that only 27 per cent. is composed of non-permanent militia, the remainder being permanent through the conscription period.

Thus, the Soviets tower far above other European armies in numbers actually under arms, numbers of immediately-available trained reserves, and a vast pool of other man-power.

In two vital factors of modern warfare, the Soviets undoubtedly are heavily superior, that is, in numbers of airplanes and tanks, regarding which the utmost secrecy is preserved.

Only comparative figures are ever given in official reports. The latest, issued last January, said only that aviation strength had increased in four years by 330 per cent, and tanks corps strength 700 per cent.

The most conservative estimates of foreign observers indicate that the Soviets possess 3,000 military airplanes, including 500 bombers of modern design and efficiency. They agree that the number may be increased rapidly because the manufacturing plants are operating on a mass-production basis. An American engineer who visited one large plant said Russia is equipped for the biggest mass production of any European nation.

Although the efficiency of the American-model motors built in Russia under licence is not quite as high as those built in the United States, their general efficiency when fighting in Spain has been one of the biggest surprises of the civil war there.

Particularly astonishing in Spain was the performance of fast pursuit planes with two machine guns firing from the wings, operated by the pilot touching a button; two-inch cannon firing through the propellor and one machine gun firing from the tail. There is general agreement on the excellence of the Soviet pilots.

The Soviet union likewise excels in the number and variety of tanks, the lowest estimate of their number being 1,500. Some military writers put the total as much higher. They range in size from whippets to great crawling fortresses weighing about 48 tons.

The principal tank is modelled on the American Christie, weighing about 12 tons and making about 30 miles an hour on caterpillars, although capable of operating on wheels for long road travels.

The efficiency of the Christie-type medium tanks was exhibited in Spain, where their armouring and turret action so interested the Germans that one captured tank was reported to have been sent to Berlin for examination.

From the viewpoint of geographic vulnerability, the Soviets possess a far greater degree of safety from enemies than any nation except the United States. Vast, sparsely-populated districts must be crossed before any vulnerable point can be reached.

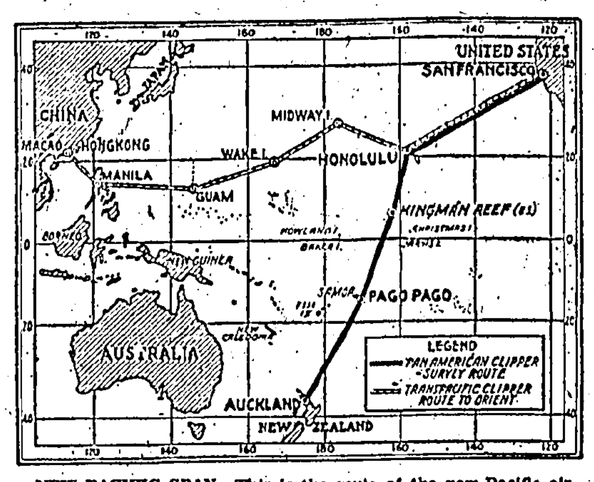
The Soviets are following the policy of centralizing their basic munitions industries in remote regions of the Urals and Baikal inaccessible to bombing.

Modern roads are being built for mobility within the union. The double-tracking of the trans-Siberian Railway is due for completion this year. The thousand mile new Baikal-Amur line, far north of the trans-Siberian, should be completed in a few years.

In the matter of war-time self-sufficiency, so important in modern warfare, the Soviets hold a position equalled by none, not even the United States. Natural resources are so varied and immense that Russia can supply herself with everything needed for munitions and the feeding of the army and civilians.

Natural rubber is lacking but Russia is piling up reserves and experimenting with synthetic production. Officials say hundreds of tons are being produced annually for military truck tires, and before many years Russia will be able to supply all her needs. Foreign engineers are not so optimistic.

Most foreign observers believe the Soviets have reached a point in efficiency of production which would enable the country to cope with a large-scale and long war. Nobody denies the high quality of the army personnel, which is well-nourished and excellently disciplined.



NEW PACIFIC SPAN—This is the route of the new Pacific air line, the trade route of nearly 7,000 miles from San Francisco to New Zealand. Following the route to Manila, the first section is to Honolulu. Then the route diverges to Kingman Reef, Pago Pago, in American Samoa, and on to Auckland.

Scotsmen Make The Best Husbands

Dudley, Worcestershire, Apr. 10.

IN the opinion of Miss Dorothy Round, Britain's No. 1 tennis player, whose engagement to Dr. Donald Leigh Little—a Scot—was announced recently, Scotsmen make the best husbands.

"I have great admiration for Scotsmen," Miss Round said. "They are steady and reliable—qualities which make them eminently suitable for husbands.

STAYING IN TENNIS

"My admiration for Scots appears to be shared by a great many English women. Miss Betty Nuthall, for instance, recently became engaged to a Scotsman."

Miss Round, who is on the National Advisory Council dealing with the nation's "Fitness" campaign, will continue with her tennis career.

After taking part in the Wimbledon Championships in June she may go on a tennis tour abroad.

Dr. Little, who is 28, is a graduate of Glasgow University, where he got his hockey "blue." He now plays hockey for Staffordshire.

The wedding will take place in September.

CHURCHES SHOULD UNITE

MR. J. D. ROCKEFELLER'S ADVICE

"SCRAP THE SMALLER BUILDINGS"

New York, Apr. 1.

Mr. John D. Rockefeller, junior, appealed strongly last night to the eleven Protestant churches in Tarrytown, a wealthy New York suburb, to form a co-operative church centre.

"Unless something is done to modernise the Church," he said, "it will ultimately disappear when we pass off the scene of life."

It was Mr. Rockefeller's first attempt to give a practical exposition of the theories he advanced in his February broadcast speech urging a united Christan Church.

Addressing more than a thousand worshippers at a union Lenten service in the Christ Episcopal Church, Mr. Rockefeller indicated that the Church as at present organised had outlived its usefulness.

"Do not misunderstand me; I am not suggesting religion has outlived its usefulness. On the contrary, it is the only hope of the world. I speak only of the Church to-day as man has made it."

Mr. Rockefeller drew an analogy from the field of education, which he has largely patronised, and suggested that if the principle of consolidation of small school units into modern educational centres is sound in education, why not in religion?

GREATER APPEAL TO YOUTH

He insisted on churches facing the issue: "'Behold, I stand at the door and knock,' said Christ; will you let him in?"

He suggested that a united Church would have a much greater appeal for youth. He proposed a board of experts to survey the field and determine on a population basis how many church buildings were necessary and how much financial support was possible.

He predicted the experts would choose the best available church buildings and discard the rest.

The financier also indicated his dislike of the fast pace of the modern age. "I would rather have lived in the days of stage coaches than in this day of automobiles and radio. I would gladly dispense with the telephone and the radio if life's peace and calm could be brought back."

Most of the Tarrytown ministers approved of the suggestion, except the Rev. Ernest Edmond, of the Methodist Church, who said: "I am a fundamentalist, and have nothing in common with the modernist."

Mr. Rockefeller's proposal, like others advanced during the union Lenten series, will be considered by the laymen's committee after the series is concluded.

Scotland Yard "Who's Who" Of Crime

FOR CORONATION

London, Apr. 15.

Scotland Yard has prepared a large illustrated "Who's Who in Crime." The volume has been prepared as a precaution against the influx of criminals from all parts of the world during the Coronation.

The book contains the names, pictures and records of all persistent law breakers who may expect to make an illegal harvest from the coronation visitors.

There are special sections for confidence men, pickpockets, brokers of fraudulent stocks, hotel thieves and those notorious in gambling and vice traffics. A special supplement has been prepared for detectives at the ports who will be watching for foreigners that are under suspicion.

Information is included which comes to Scotland Yard from the police in the United States, the Dominions and the Continent. The book contains many pages of illustrations, each such page being followed by the descriptions and habits of those pictured.

This record, which has been brought up to date by the addition of many new names, is the revised edition of the "Black List" prepared for the Jubilee here two years ago. Every divisional police station in London will receive a copy.—*United Press.*

Woman Willed From Trance

New York, Apr. 15.

MRS. HELEN WILLS LOVE, Los Angeles murderess who willed herself into a "death trance" a week ago, was brought to her senses to-day by hypnotism.

As she opened her eyes she murmured:—"You're Dr. Marcus." A few seconds later she talked lucidly.

Doctors think she will recover sufficiently to face sentence for the second-degree murder of her husband.

She shot Mr. Love, a wealthy broker, during New Year celebrations at a Santa Monica club. She said he refused to reveal their secret marriage to his mother, and accused the mother of coming between them.

Do You Know This About Malaria?

Though great strides have been made by Science in its fight against Malaria, this malady still remains one of the worst menaces to health in many parts of the world. Once contracted, the fever is liable to recur periodically, each attack leaving the victim in a more weakened condition.

Malaria is acquired through the bite of an infected mosquito which introduces the parasite into the human blood. If the blood is pure and strong its resists and overcomes the infection. So the best precaution to adopt against malaria is to keep your blood rich, red and plentiful. If you are already a malaria victim your immediate need is to improve the quality of your blood stream, for which purpose there is nothing better than Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, the famous blood builder and blood purifier to the merits of which many men and women, formerly malaria sufferers, like yourself, have gratefully testified.

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Why Spain Is In The Throes

Here is a useful summary of the events leading to the Spanish Civil War, by a United Press correspondent who has just completed five and a half months in besieged Madrid.

By Lester Ziffren
United Press Staff Correspondent.

Spain's political restlessness, which finally led to the bloodiest civil war the world has known in several centuries, started in past centuries when the country's Monarchs were descendants of foreign royal households.

Municipal elections in April, 1931, finally brought a republican triumph and the overthrow of the royalist regime, without the shedding of a single drop of blood! Something unusual for a Latin revolt. The cabinets which ruled for the next two years were Leftist, but a reaction set in. The masses expected the Republic to carry through a real revolution. Elections brought a right-wing victory and in October 1934, a bloody uprising, which resulted in several thousands being killed, many thousands wounded, and the filling of gaols with 30,000 rebels. Repressive measures such as summary executions and torture occurred in Asturias, the centre of the uprising. A new reaction set in against the Rightists who tolerated if they did not encourage such measures.

POLITICAL PARTIES

In February, 1936, the Leftists consisting of the Socialists, Republicans and Communists, organized into a Popular Front, won the parliamentary elections and returned to power. The masses, eager to avenge alleged persecution and knowing that the leading Rightist party—Accion Popular—was closely linked to the Catholic church, resorted to church and convent burning every time they found a real or apparent excuse. Their leaders painted the Rightists as Fascists and oppressors. The masses responded by open hostility towards the reactionary elements. Their chiefs did not favour church burnings, but after arousing the proletariat, it was difficult to check the wave of hatred which found expression in bonfires. The alleged intervention of the church in Spanish politics made it a target for the labouring class and Liberals.

A series of killings were committed by Socialists and Fascists. Finally Assault Guard Lieutenant Jose Castillo, a Socialist who had been giving military training to Socialist youth groups, was assassinated and fellow members of the assault guard corps took reprisal last summer by entering the home of Jose Calvo Sotelo, brilliant minister of finance of the Primo de Rivera dictatorship, and "taking him for a ride." They regarded him as an open sympathizer of the Fascists if not an actual leader and agitator.

Throughout this disquieting period it was apparent that persons dissatisfied with the election results were preparing an uprising. The Rightists had expected to win easily at the polls, but the masses had turned from them. These conservative elements feared a social revolution on the Russian style was in the offing and they decided to strike first.

The numerous disorders and threats of the Socialists and Communists caused many to believe that Spain would become a Communist. President Manuel Azana, a Left Republican, noted playwright and writer, pooh-poohed the possibility of Communism in Spain.

POOR CONDITIONS

The military revolt backed by the Rightist parties and sympathisers went off before schedule in order to take advantage of the protest provoked by Sotelo's assassination. It started about noon July 17, 1936, in Melilla, Spanish Morocco. A severe censorship was established but the *United Press* succeeded in giving the world the first news of the uprising which later developed into the civil war which has caused more than 250,000 deaths.

Many inquire: "How long will this last?" I personally believe the fighting will continue for many months, because I see no possibility of a compromise or a swift conclusion. It appears evident to-day that if foreign powers had not sent armament and airplanes to the rebels, that the Loyalists would have won. Likewise it seems evident that if foreign powers had not organized the non-intervention committee and prohibited the sale of arms to the Loyalists, the rebels would have been in hard straits.

I am asked whether a Rightist triumph would mean a Fascist regime such as that in Italy and Germany and whether a Leftist victory would signify the estiblishment of a Red government. The former would bring something akin to Fascism but the latter probably would not go as far to the Left as their opponents claim.—*United Press.*

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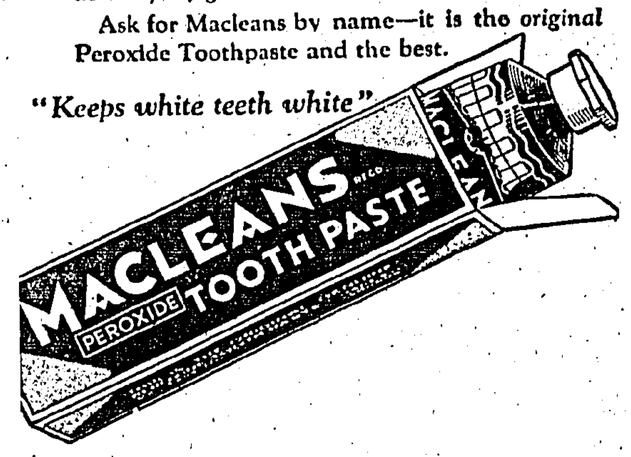

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NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA,
Hongkong, 26th April, 1937.

POLICE RESERVE ORDERS FOR CURRENT WEEK

Orders by the Hon. Mr. T. H. King, Inspector General of Police state:

Chinese Company

Training Course: Part II.—The undermentioned members of the Chinese Company will attend Chinese Company Headquarters on Tuesday, April 27th at 17.30 hours for Part II of Training Course:—Constables R2 Chan Tak-chiu, R4 Tam Hiu-fung, R5 Woo How-ching, R6 Chan Shik-chun, R9 Wong Yue-shun, R25 Lee Chee-leung, R34 Napoleon Leung Pan, and R37 Leung Wing-cheung.

Inspection Parade.—All ranks of the Chinese Company will parade at Central Police Station on Thursday, April 29th at 17.30 hours for a general inspection of equipment etc., by the Company Commander. Dress—White Uniform, Cap with White Cover, Belt with Brace, Truncheon, "Pocket Policeman" and note-book to be carried. The Equipment Officer will make a point of being present.

Flying Squad

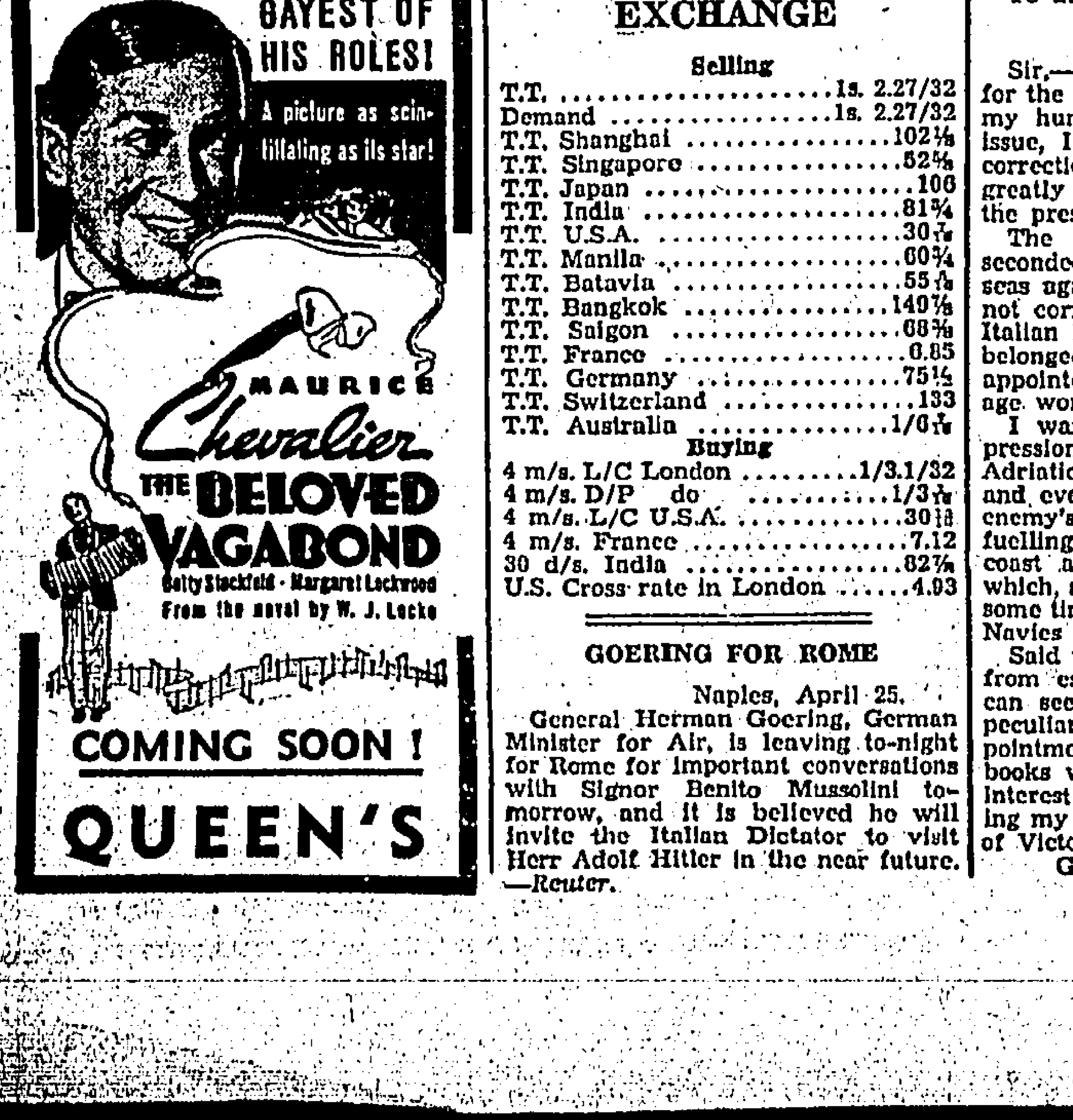
Training Course: Part II.—The undermentioned members of the Flying Squad will attend Chinese Company Headquarters on Tuesday, April 27th at 17.30 hours for Part II of Training Course:—Constables R323 Lo Koon-ho, R327 Sung Shu-chee, R341 Tsun Kam-cheung, R342 Leung To-hing and R359 Ho Wing-kwan.

Instructional Patrol.—The instructional patrol for members of the Flying Squad will take place on Friday, April 30th, 1937. Members will parade at Central Police Station at 17.15 hours sharp. Dress—White Uniform, and Cap with White Cover.

Emergency Unit Reserve

Revolver Instruction.— Revolver Instruction will be given to members of the Emergency Unit Reserve on Friday, April 30th at No. 2 Police Station at 17.20 hours. All members will attend. Dress—Mufti, and members who are in possession of revolvers will carry same.

C. CHAMPKIN,
D. S. P. (R)



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BACK GOD OF HARLEM

(Continued from Page 6.)

The more factual, earthly inclined know that, as George Baker, he began his grown life clipping Baltimore hedges in 1899. His apprenticeship to God-dom he served under one Morris, who now care-takes a country property, living content that he will never die—when he feels ill he jumps up and down until the illness is shaken off!

As "the Messenger" Baker struck off on his own in 1912, travelled through Southern States, annexing eight devoted followers by the way. Living on a communal system (Baker in the background being God), he saved enough money by 1919 to pay 700 dollars down on a ten-roomed house in Sayville. Then he changed his name to Major J. Devine.

After a few months it became Rev. J. Divine—thence to Father and God (the God is nearly always in brackets).

HIS most devout English follower is Albert Murray, who works as part-time waiter at the Plaza Hotel.

Murray is a handsome young Irishman of about thirty, and says he is getting younger every day.

He has never seen Father Divine, but writes and cables him every week. Father Divine sometimes replies by letter, more often by mental telepathy. Murray says he knows a message is coming when the nerves under his skin start vibrating.

Then his stomach heaves, he hears a click, and the words come over. The letters he receives from the Father (dated always 1936 A.D.F.D., which seems a litle muddled) all end with "...as this leaves me WELL, HEALTHY, JOYFUL, PEACEFUL, LIVELY, LOVING, SUCCESSFUL, prosperous, and happy in Spirit, Body, and Mind, and in every organ, muscle, sinew, vein and bone, and even in every atom, fibre, and cell of MY Bodily Form.

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GOERING FOR ROME

Naples, April 25.

General Herman Goering, German Minister for Air, is leaving to-night for Rome for important conversations with Signor Benito Mussolini tomorrow, and it is believed he will invite the Italian Dictator to visit Herr Adolf Hitler in the near future.—*Reuter.*

SHARE PRICES

The following is the list of local share quotations issued this morning.

Banks.

H. K. Bank, 1855 b.
H. K. Banks, (Lon. Reg.), £119½ n.
Chartered Bank, £15½ n.
Mercantile Bank, A. and B. £33⅜ n.
Mercantile Bank, C., £15¾ n.
East Asia Bank, $92 b.

Insurances.

Canton In., $322½ b.
Union In., $0.22 b. and sa.
China Underwriters, $1.60 b.
H. K. Fire In., $280 n.
Internat'l Assce., Sh. $4¼ n.

Shipping.

Douglas, $38 b.
H. K. Steamboats, $9 n.
Indo-Chinas (Pref.), $35 n.
Indo-Chinas (Def.), $50 n.
Shell (Bearer), 108/1½ n.
Union Waterboats, $9.45 n.

Docks etc.

H. K. Wharves (old), $115½ b.
H. K. & W. Docks, $31¾ n.
Providents (old), $2.15 b.
Providents (new), 25 cts. n.
New Engineerings, Sh. $3½ n.
Shanghai Docks, Sh. $102 n.

Mining.

Kailan Mining Ar., 20/9 n.
Raubs, $13.70 n.
Venz: Goldfield $8 n.

Philippine Mining.

Antamoks, P. 1.20
Atoks, P. .33
Baguio Gold, P. .22½
Balatoc Min., P. .13
Benguet Cons. P. .11.75
Benguet Expl. P. .08
Big Wedge, P. .22½
Coco Grove., P. .61
Consolidated Mines, P. .029
Demonstrations, P. .80
E. Mindanao, P. .38
Bum Gold, P. .15½
Ipo Gold, P. .23½.
I. X. L., P. .81
Itogons, P. 1.15
Masbate Cons., P. .35
Min. Resc., P. .20½
Northern Min., P. .09½
Paracale Gumaus, P. .51
Salacot Min. P. .047
San Mauricio, P. 2.30
Suyoc Consols, P. .40½
United Paracale, P. .83

Lands, Hotels, etc.

H. and S. Hotels, $7.30 b.
H. K. Lands, $35¼ b.
H. K. Lands, 4% Deben. $105 n.
S'hai Lands, Sh. $15 n.
Metropolitan Lands, Sh. $10. n.
Humphries, $9½ n.
H. K. Realtes, $5.90. b.
Chinese Estates $80 n.
China Realties, Sh. $4 n.
China Debent, $60 sa.

Public Utilities.

H. K. Tramways, $15.20 sa.
Peak Trams, (old), $4½ b.
Peak Trams (new), $1¼ b.
Star Ferries, $86 s.
Yaumati Ferries (old), $25½ n.
China Lights, $14¼ n.
China Lights, (new), $14.45 b.
H. K. Electric, $60½
Macao Electric, $18 n.
Sandakan Lights, $12¼ b.
Telephone (old), $20.75 n.
Telephone (new), $12.80 n.
China Buses. Sh. $11¼ n
Singapore Tractions, 27/6 n.
Singapore Pref., 27/— n.

Industrials.

Cald: Macg. (old), Sh. $16½ n.
Cald: Macg. (Pref.), Sh. $17 n.
Canton Ices, $2 n.
Cement, $15.50 b.
H. K. Ropes, $5.25 b.

Stores, &c.

Dairy Farm, $25½ b.
Watson, $5.55 n.
Lane Crawfords, $9 n.
Sinceres, $2.70 n.
Wing On (H.K.), $50 n.
Wm. Powells 40 cts. n.

Cotton Mills.

Ewo Cottons, Sh. $16.80 b.
S'hai Cottons, (old), Sh. $117 b.
S'hai Cottons, (new), Sh. $92 b.
Zoong Sings, $31 n.
Wing On Textiles, Sh. $61 n.

Miscellaneous.

H. K. Entertainments, $4.70 n.
Constructions (old), $1.60 n.
Constructions (new), 45 cts. b.
Vibro Piling, $6½ n.
Ch. Govt. 5% 1925 G$Bds. 96% n.
H. K. Govt. 4% Loan 8⅛% prm. n
H. K. Govt. 3½% Loan 1¾% prm. n.
Wallace Harpers, $4 n.
Marsmans Inv., (Lond.) s/- 26/2
Marsmans Inv., (H.K.), s/- 7/6 n.

CORRESPONDENCE

Consul's Career

To the Editor,
The Hongkong Telegraph.

Sir,—While expressing my thanks for the really elaborate description of my humble self in your Saturday's issue, I must point out a necessary correction and therefore I would be greatly obliged for the publication of the present letter.

The article said: "he was then seconded for espionage work in those seas against the Austrians." This is not correct. I was never, and no Italian Naval Officer belonging, as I belonged to the Staff, was ever appointed during the war to espionage work.

I was then appointed to the repression of espionage from our Adriatic coast and to the discovering and eventually to the destruction of enemy's submarines bases and refuelling organisation on the Albanian coast and in some foreign islands, which, as a result of my cruises, were some time later occupied by the allied Navies of England, France and Italy.

Said work is substantially different from espionage work, as everybody can see. The really interesting and peculiar position arising from my appointment I describe in my first two books which I have now a stronger interest to translate and publish during my staying in this beautiful town of Victoria.

GENNARO PAGANO DI MELITO,
Consul-General for Italy.

Shipping Intelligence

Shipping Companies are requested to forward, as early as possible information regarding arrivals, departures, time and mooring place and other movements. Urgent information should be telephoned to the shipping Editor, Phone 26615.

PORT DIRECTORY

ATLANTIC GULF (Bailey), Bailey Dock.

BARON DALMENY (J.C.J.L.), A.4.
CHENGTE (B. & S.), B.21.
CHONGLEE (Yee Tai Hong), B.12.
CHUNGKING (B. & S.), B.10.
DAISHU MARU (M.B.K.), A.13.
DAVIKEN (J.M.), Taikoo Dock.
FU LONG (Master), Yaumati.

GRANVILLE (Bank Line), Stonecutter's.

GRAYSTOKE CASTLE (Dodwell) Taikoo Dock.

HAI HANG (Douglas), B.12.
HAIKONG (B. & S.), B.12.

HEIYO MARU (N.Y.K.), Kowloon Bay.

HENRIK (Chin Seng Hong), B.4.
HO KHENG (Ho Hong), A.6.
KATIE MOLLER (Dodwell), B.26.

KINRYO MARU (M.S.K.), Kowloon Bay.

KIANGSU (B. & S.), Taikoo Docks.
KINGYUAN (B. & S.), B.20.
KUTSANG (J.M.), Kowloon Wharf.
LIANGCHOW (B. & S.), Taikoo Dock
MICHIGAN (States), A.2.
PRODUCE (K. Larseen), B.12.
SEKIHO MARU (M.B.K.), B.25.
SEPIA (A.P.C.), North Point.
SHOUSING (D.K.K.), Kowloon Wharf
STANLEY (Shun Cheong), Kwong Wing Wharf.
SUISANG (J.M.), Kowloon Dock.
TAI LEE (Yee Tai Hong), Yaumati.
TAI PO SEK (Tak Hung), B.4.
TENDAI MARU (D.K.K.), A.12.
TINHOW (Bank), Kowloon Dock Wall
TSINAN (B. & S.), B.21.
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WING WO (Tai Fung & Co.), West Point.
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YOCHOW (B. & S.), Taikoo Dock.
YU PING (Yuen On), B.6.

ARRIVED YESTERDAY

(Agents Phone Numbers Given)

ANSHUN (B. & S.) from Singapore, a.m., West Point. 30331.
BELLORPHON (B. & S.) from Straits, 7 a.m., Holt's Wharf. 30331.
BURDWAN (P. & O.) Shanghai, 5 p.m., Kowloon Wharf. 27721.
GERTRUDE MAEOSK (Jebsen) from Manila, 6 p.m., A.8. 26661.
KINE MARU (O.S.K.) from Swatow, 9 a.m., B.26. 28061.
KUTSANG (J.M.) from Calcutta, 12.30 p.m., Kowloon Wharf. 30311.
MALACCA MARU (N.Y.K.) from Singapore, 12.30 p.m. Kowloon Wharf. 30201.
PROMINENT (J.M.) from Shanghai, 11.15 a.m., West Point Wharf. 30311.
POTSDAM (Melchers) from Shanghai, 6 a.m., Kowloon Wharf. 2772.
SANDVIKEN (J.M.) from Canton, 7.45 a.m., B.2. 30311.
STANLEY (Shun Cheong) from Swabue, 5 p.m., Wwong Wing Wharf. 27040.
TJISADANE (J.C.J.L.) from Amoy, 1 p.m., midstream. 28015.
WILFORD (E.A.C.) from Takang, 8 p.m., Stonecutters. 33266.

SAILED YESTERDAY

(Agents Phone Numbers Given)

FOOSHING (J.M.) for Tientsin, 12.15 p.m., B.8. 30311.
HONGKONG MARU (O.S.K.) for Amoy, 4 p.m., O.S.K. Wharf. 28061.
HIRAM (Thoresen) for Amoy, 10 a.m., C.1. 30237.
KWEIYANG (B. & S.) for Bangkok, 2 p.m., West Point. 30331.
KUMSANG (J.M.) for Calcutta, 6.15 p.m., A.15. 30311.
NINGHAI (B. & S.) for Tientsin, 10 a.m., West Point. 30331.
POTSDAM (Melchers) for Europe, 6 p.m., Kowloon Wharf. 27772.
PRESIDENT HOOVER (Dollar) for Manila, 9 p.m., Kowloon Wharf. 28171.
PRESIDENT POLK (Dollar) for Manila, 8 a.m., Kowloon Wharf. 28171.
PROMINENT (J.M.) for Canton, 6 p.m., West Point Wharf. 30311.
SANDVIKEN (J.M.) for Shanghai, 5 p.m., B.2. 30311.
SHANGTUNG (B. & S.) for Shanghai, 4 p.m., West Point. 30331.
SILVERSANDAL (Furness) for America, a.m. 23166.
SZECHUEN (B. & S.) for Shanghai, 10 a.m., West Point. 30331.

ARRIVING TO-DAY

(Agents Phone Numbers Given)

AFRICA MARU (O.S.K.) from Singapore, 7.40 a.m., Kowloon Wharf. 28061.
HOIHOW (B. & S.) from Swatow, 6 a.m., West Point. 30331.
KWANGCHOW (B. & S.) from Shanghai, 8 a.m., West Point. 30331.
SAI ON (Tung On) from Canton, 6 a.m. Co's Wharf. 31706.

SAILING TO-DAY

(Agents Phone Numbers Given)

ANSHUN (B. & S.) for Swatow, 3 p.m., West Point. 30331.
BURDWAN (P. & O.) for Europe, 11 a.m., Kowloon Wharf. 27721.
BELLORPHON (B. & S.) for Dairen, a.m., Holt's Wharf. 30331.
KINE MARU (O.S.K.) for Canton, 7 a.m., B.26. 28061.
KUTSANG (J.M.) for Kobe, 5 p.m., Kowloon Wharf. 30311.
NINGHAI (B. & S.) for Swatow, 10 a.m., West Point. 30331.
SHIRALA (P. & O.) for Europe, 10.30 a.m., Kowloon Wharf. 27721.
TAYBANK (Bank) for Shanghai, daylight, Tsun Won. 27791.

ARRIVING TO-MORROW

(Agents Phone Numbers Given)

MAYEBASHI MARU (N.Y.K.) from Shanghai, 8 a.m., Kowloon Wharf. 30201.
SANTHIA (P. & O.) from Calcutta, a.m., Kowloon Wharf. 27721.
TJINEGARA (J.C.J.L.) from Java, daylight, midstream. 28015.

SAILING TO-MORROW

(Agents Phone Numbers Given)

GERTRUDE MAERSK (Jebsen) for America, A.8. 26661.
HAIYANG (Douglas) for Swatow, 3 p.m., Douglas Wharf. 28037.
TJISADANE (J.C.J.L.) for Bali, 10 a.m., midstream. 28015.

VESSELS DUE

ANTILOCHUS (B. & S.), May 17.
ARABIA (Ll. T.), May 1.
BENREOCH (Ben Line), Apr. 30.
CALCHAS (B. & S.), May 8.
CITY OF ELWORD (States), Apr. 29.
CONTE BIANCAMANO (Ll. T.), May 8.
EMPRESS OF CANADA (C.P.S.), May 7.
EURYLOCHUS (B. & S.), Apr. 28.
FULDA (Melcher's), May 11.
GENERAL LEE (States), Apr. 30.
GERTRUDE MAERSK (Jebsen), Apr. 27.
GNEISENAU (Melcher's), May 13.
HAVEL (Melcher's), May 17.
HAVELLAND (Jebsen), May 9.
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ISLAMI (J.M.), May 12.
JAVA (E.A.C.), May 19.
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MAUSANG (J.M.), Apr. 30.
MEDON (B. & S.), May 27.
MENELAUS (B. & S.), May 9.
MENESTHEUS (B. & S.), May 9.
NELEUS (B. & S.), May 28.
NORDHAVET (Jebsen), Apr. 27.
PETER MAERSK (Jebsen), Apr. 30.
PHILOCTETES (B. & S.), May 31.
PIAVE (Ll. T.), Apr. 28.
TAI PING (Dodwell), May 17.
TALABOT (Thoresen), May 5.
TJINEGARA (J.C.J.L.), Apr. 27.
TROJA (Thoresen), May 2.
TYNDAREUS (B. & S.), May 8.
UFFINTON COURT (Melchers), May 3.
VAN HEUTSZ (J.C.J.L.), May 4.
VOLPI (Ll. T.), May 2.
WOOLGOR (E.A.C.), May 3.
YUENSANG (J.M.), May 6.
ZUIDERKERK (J.C.J.L.), May 10.

ARRIVALS AND CARGOES

Seventeen steamers entered port yesterday and this morning and 10 carried over 32,472 tons of general cargo for Hongkong and through ports.

The ships are:

ANSHUN (B. & S.) Capt. C. P. Millar, from Singapore, with 700 tons of firewood, timber and general cargo for Hongkong and 60 tons of timber and general for through ports.

GERTRUDE MAERSK (Jebsen) Capt. A. Jaegers, from Manila, with 7 tons of general cargo for Hongkong and 3,540 tons for through ports.

HAIYANG (Douglas) Capt. W. S. Frueir, from Swatow, with 120 tons of general cargo for Hongkong.

HAIYUAN, (C.M.S.N.) Capt. J. M. Johannessen, from Canton, with 355 tons of general cargo for through ports.

HOIHOW (B. & S.) Capt. W. L. Thomas, from Swatow, with 1,093 tons of general cargo for Hongkong and 1,046 tons for through ports.

HONG CHEONG (Tung On) Capt. Jose Antunes, from North, with no cargo.

KINE MARU (O.S.K.), Capt. K. Hiresawa, from Swatow, with 1,035 tons of general cargo for Hongkong and 45 tons for through ports.

KUTSANG (J.M.), Capt. D. Kilbee, from Singapore, with 202 tons of general cargo for Hongkong and 3,821 tons for through ports.

MALACCA MARU (N.Y.K.), Capt. M. Irami, from Singapore, with 278 tons of general cargo for Hongkong and 6,782 tons for through ports.

NINGHAI (B. & S.), Capt. I. Newton, from Canton, with 180 tons of general cargo for through ports.

POTSDAM (Melchers), Capt. Richard Preiss, from Shanghai, with one ton of general cargo for Hongkong and 3,641 tons for through ports.

PROMINENT (J.M.), Capt. Tjerbsen, from Swatow, with 80 tons of general cargo for Hongkong and 2,386 tons for through ports.

SANDVIKEN (J.M.), Capt. P. Heesch, from Canton, with 946 tons of general cargo for through ports.

SHANGTUNG (B. & S.), Capt. G. Brown, from Canton, with 792 tons of general cargo for through ports.

STANLEY (Shun Cheong), Capt. Wong Sze-fook, from Swabue, with 48 tons of general cargo for Hongkong.

TJISADANE (J.C.J.L.), Capt. H. de Jonge, from Amoy, with 184 tons of general cargo for Hongkong and 1,200 tons for through ports.

WILFORD (E.A.C.), Capt. N. F. Nilsen, from Tabang, with 3,200 tons of general cargo for through ports.

EMPRESS OF ASIA

The R.M.S. Empress of Asia is due here from Manila at 8 a.m. on Wednesday, April 28 and will berth at Kowloon Wharf. She will sail for Victoria and Vancouver, B.C., via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Yokohama at noon on Friday, April 30.

S. S. MAUSANG

The s.s. Mausang of the Indo-China Steam Navigation Co., Ltd., is expected to arrive here from Sandakan on Friday, April 30 and is scheduled to sail for Sandakan on Friday, May 7 at 10 a.m.

S.S. "NELLORE"

The E. & A. Nellore left Moji for this port yesterday and is due on the morning of Thursday, April 29.

M.S. TJINEGARA

The m.s. Tjinegara of the J.C.J.L. line will leave here for Amoy and Shanghai at 10 a.m. on Thursday, April 29.

PASSENGER LIST

The following passengers are expected to disembark here on the P. & O. Rawalpindi which is arriving on Wednesday:

Mrs. P. C. Brockman, Mrs. Brockman, Surgeon Cdr. T. L. Cleave, Mrs. Cleave, child and infant, Lt. G. R. Colvin, R.N., Mr. W. P. Delahunty, Mrs. Delahunty and infant, Mrs. C. J. J. Donald, Mr. W. J. E. Dowell, Mrs. Dowell, Mr. F. G. Drake, Captain D. G. Harrington Hawes, Mrs. Hawes, Mr. J. Hill, Mrs. Hill, Mr. W. E. B. Howel, Mrs. Howel, Mrs. J. L. Isley, Mrs. Isley and three children, Mr. A. G. James, Mrs. James, M. G. Large, Mrs. Large and child, Mr. A. C. Lenon, Mr. A. E. Lindvall, Mrs. Lindvall, Miss F. S. Lindvall, Mr. C. G. Lofts, Rev. D. MacLeod, Mr. J. McKinlay, Mrs. McKinlay and infant, Surg. Lt.-Cdr. C. B. Nicholson Mrs. Nicholson, Mr. H. R. Prince, Mrs. Prince, child and infant, Miss G. Quibell, Mr. W. J. Salmon, Mrs. Salmon and two children, Major A. H. Tarbotton, Mrs. Tarbotton, Mr. J. Walker, Mr. K. Yates, Mrs. Yates and Pay Lt.-Cdr. W. Yates.

ANOTHER DOG-BITE

A report has been made to the police by Chu Kwok-shau, of 82 Stone Nullah Lane, to the effect that he was bitten by a dog belonging to Mr. L. D. Allen, of 140 Kennedy Road. Chu was taken to the Government Civil Hospital for treatment, while the animal was removed to Kennedy Town for observation.

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Swatow	Hoihow	April 26.
Straits	Anyo Maru	April 27.
Haiphong	Canton	April 27.
Haiphong, Pakhoi and Hoihow	Kwangtung	April 27.
Airmail by "Imperial Airways direct Service" London date 17th April.	**Imperial Airways Plane**	**April 27.**
Shanghai	Mayebashi Maru	April 27.
Shanghai and Amoy	Newchwang	April 27.
Shanghai	Radnorshire	April 27.
Calcutta and Straits	Santhia	April 27.
Java	Tjinegara	April 27.
Manila	Emp. of Asia	April 28.
Air Mail by "Pan-American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 21st April	**Pan-American Airways Plane**	**April 28.**
Straits and Europe via Suez (Letters and Papers) London, 1st April and London Parcels (London date, 25th March).	Rawalpindi	April 28.
Shanghai and Europe via Siberia (London date, 8th April).	Rhesus	April 28.
Shanghai	Tokushima Maru	April 28.

OUTWARD MAILS

Registered and Parcel Mails are closed 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated, and where mails are advertised to close at or before 9 a.m., registered and parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m. on the previous day.

For	Per	Date and Time.
	Monday	
Samshui and Wuchow	Kong Ning	Mon., Apr. 26, 4 p.m.
Shanghai and *Europe via Siberia.	Bellerophon	Mon., Apr. 26, 3 p.m.
	Tuesday	
Manila, Makasser and Sourabaya.	Tjisadane	Tues., Apr. 27, 8.30 a.m.
Air Mail for Canton and Districts	**C.N.A.C. plane**	**Tues., Apr. 27.**
	G.P.O. and K.P.O.	
	Reg.	**Apr. 27, Noon.**
	Letters,	**Apr. 27, 12.30 p.m.**
Shanghai	Gertrude Maersk	Tues., Apr. 27, 1.30 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Haiyang	Mon., Apr. 27, 2 p.m.
Amoy	Kiangsu	Tues., Apr. 27, 5 p.m.
Air Mail for Swatow, Amoy, Foochow and North China (via Shanghai)	**C.N.A.C. plane**	**Tues., Apr. 27.**
	Sheungwan P. O.	
	Reg.,	**Apr. 27, 5 p.m.**
	Letters,	**Apr. 27, 7 p.m.**
K. P. O.	**G. P. O.**	
Reg., Apr. 27, 5 p.m.	**Reg.,**	**Apr. 27, 5 p.m.**
Letters, Apr. 27, 5.30 p.m.	**Letters**	**Apr. 28, 5 a.m.**
	Wednesday	
Swatow	Daviken	Tues., Apr. 28, 10.30 a.m.
Amoy	Taiyuan	Wed., Apr. 28, 3.30 p.m.
Haiphong and *Batavia	Tjikembang	Wed., Apr. 28, 4 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Tai Suen Hong	Wed., Apr. 28, 5 p.m.

*Superscribed correspondence only.

PROWLER SENT TO GAOL

FOUND ON STAIRWAY AT WANCHAI

When Mr. J. M. A. Ramjahn, of No. 26 Fleming Road, Wanchai, was returning home at about 7 o'clock on Saturday evening he found a man on the stairway between the second and third floors. He questioned him and was told that he was looking for a friend on the second floor. That floor, however, was occupied by Europeans, so Mr. Ramjahn took the man to the police station. There he said his name was Wong Yuk-po and repeated his story. He was taken back to the house but nobody in the whole building knew him.

Before Mr. W. Schofield at the Central Magistracy this morning Wong was charged with being found in a dwelling house for an unlawful purpose. Detective-Sergeant Allan said while he was being taken to the station he had thrown away a knife.

Defendant was found to have had a previous conviction for larceny of electric fittings and was sentenced to two months' hard labour.

CUT TREES FOR CLOGS

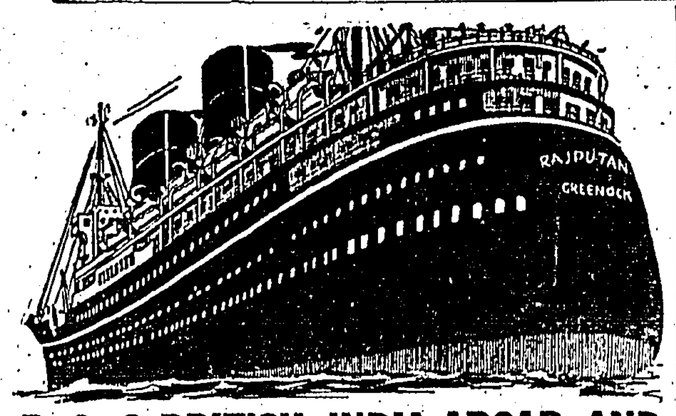
TWO MEN SENTENCED BY COURT

A fine of $50, with the alternative of six weeks' hard labour, was imposed by Mr. Keen at the Central Magistracy this morning on Yu Lam, 24, and Tam Hi, 28, both unemployed, who admitted a charge of unlawful possession of a green wild tree valued at $25.

Mr. J. R. Carr, of the Botanical and Forestry Department, said there had been frequent cutting of trees at Conduit Road, with the result that more patrols were stationed there. Defendants were arrested by one of them on Saturday. Apparently, defendants cut the tree to make clogs.

His Worship also made an order that prisoners be sent back to their native village, Sun Tak, at the expiration of their sentences.

The police are looking for the owner of a new Voiglander superb camera, believed to have been stolen from a car parked in Chater Road at 9 p.m. on Saturday.



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Rajputana	17,000	1st May.	Marseilles & London.
RANPURA	17,000	15th May.	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
*Mirzapore	7,000	20th May.	Bombay & Karachi.
*SOMALI	7,000	22nd May	Marseilles, Havre, London, Hamburg, Rotterdam, Antwerp & Hull.
Rawalpindi	17,000	29th May.	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
CORFU	14,500	12th June.	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
*Bangalore	6,000	19th June.	Marseilles, Havre, London, Hamburg, Rotterdam, Antwerp & Hull.

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TALMA	10,000	5th June	Penang, Rangoon & Calcutta.
SIRDHANA	8,000	19th June	

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NELLORE	7,000	1st May	Manila, Rabaul, Brisbane, Sydney, Melbourne & Hobart.
TANDA	7,000	4th June	
NANKIN	7,000	2nd July.	

SAILINGS TO SHANGHAI & JAPAN

SANTHIA	8,000	29th Apr.	Amoy, Shanghai & Japan.
Rawalpindi	17,000	29th Apr.	Shanghai & Japan.
TANDA	7,000	6th May.	Shanghai & Japan.
*Bangalore	6,000	11th May.	Shanghai & Japan.
TALMA	10,000	13th May	Amoy, Shanghai & Japan.
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STEAMER	Due H'Kong	Leaves H'Kong	Leaves Manila	Due Sydney
TAIPING	11 May	18 May	21 May	6 June
CHANGTE	8 June	15 June	18 June	4 July
TAIPING	9 July	16 July	19 July	4 Aug.
CHANGTE	6 Aug.	13 Aug.	16 Aug.	1 Sept.

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Betty Compson To Visit H.K.

Coming Here With Baseball Team

Miss Betty Compson, popular film actress, will sail for Hongkong in the Dollar liner President Hoover on September 7 with a soft ball baseball team which she has organised among Hollywood motion picture studio girls.

The team began a tour of the United States on April 2. The tour will be followed by the visit to the Far East.

Miss Compson was in Hongkong two years ago, when she made a personal appearance at the Alhambra Theatre with Cowan and Bailey, popular entertainers.

On the forthcoming trip she intends to visit Japan, Shanghai, Hongkong, Manila, Singapore and Bombay, returning to the United States via Europe.

ITALIAN WARSHIP TRIES TO ARREST BRITISH STEAMER

(Continued from Page 1.)

viewed by *Reuter* in his cabin, said he saw no single warship during his voyage, except two British destroyers carrying out patrol duty. He was most disgusted at this lack of excitement.

However, he said, as his ship was berthing air raid sirens started up and dockers fled for cover. The visit was brief. The raiding Junkers could be seen in the distance, but they soon disappeared.

Crews Are Popular

Nine ships have now run the blockade, eight British and one French. Their crews are enormously popular with the inhabitants, who have been promised to-morrow their first bread for many days. A general ration issue will be made Wednesday and will consist of two pounds of potatoes, half a pound of rice, of sugar, beans and canned tomatoes, and a portion of fish. This supply must last the inhabitants for several days. If it had not been for the foodships, many would be starving now.—*Reuter.*

Eden At Brussels

Brussels, Apr. 26.

Mr. Anthony Eden, British Foreign Secretary, has arrived here by aeroplane, ostensibly to confer with the Prime Minister, Mr. Paul Spaak, regarding economic problems.

However, diplomats insist that the conversations between the statesmen will include the discussion of a western European agreement to replace the Locarno Pact.—*United Press.*

WELCOMED TO MANILA

HIGH COMMISSIONER TO SERVE TWO PEOPLES

Manila, Apr. 26.

Mr. Paul V. McNutt, U. S. High Commissioner to the Philippine Islands, arrived to-day and welcome ceremonies were abbreviated and simple, at his special request.

A squadron of United States aircraft met the President Hoover when she entered Manila Bay and dipped in salute.

Mr. J. Weldon Jones, acting-High Commissioner, was with the welcoming party at the dock. He hands over to Mr. McNutt to-day.

Mr. McNutt cordially received the press but left several questions unanswered." I'm easy to get along with," he remarked, adding he intended to serve the American and the Filipino peoples.—*Reuter.*

WORLD WHEAT SHORTAGE

Washington, April 24.

The Department of Agriculture has reported that a normal yield of wheat must be harvested in the Northern Hemisphere this year to check the threatened further world decline in this commodity.

The report draws attention to the fact that for three successive years, the small production has rendered the world wheat carry-over below normal.—*United Press.*

STEPIN FETCHIT HURT

New York, Apr. 25.

The negro motion picture comedian, Stepin Fetchit, is in a critical condition with a fractured skull following an automobile crash, caused by a blow-out.—*United Press.*

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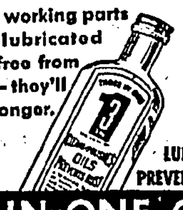

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Briton Wins £5,000 Grant For Research

Former Resident Of Hongkong, W. C. Gee

Money Intended for Study And Travel

A former Hongkong resident, now in Singapore, has been granted £5,000 by the Carnegie Trustees.

He is Mr. W. C. Gee, Engineer-in-Charge at the Petaling Hill Radio Station, Kuala Lumpur. The grant has been made to enable Mr. Gee to "spend a year away from duty to further his studies, carry out research, and travel". Mr. Gee will investigate short wave radio telephony developments in the United States, United Kingdom and elsewhere.

War service with Jellicoe's battleships at Jutland and in the Harwich Submarine Flotilla on patrol duty were parts of Mr. Walter Charles Gee's experiences. Mr. Gee, at present Assistant Wireless Engineer Posts and Telegraph Department in the Straits Settlements, a post which includes inpection of Government radio stations in Selangor and Pahang and also as far afield as Kuala Krai in Kelantan, is a member of the Institute of Wireless Technology, the Institute of Radio Engineers and Associate of the Institute of Electrical Engineers.

A native of Hertfordshire he graduated from the Technical Institute at Bishop's Stortford and the Royal Technical Schools.

SINKING GERMAN U-BOAT

During the first two years of the War he served in the battleship Monarch and was at the Battle of Jutland in her as "bridge buzzer." Subsequently he was attached to the Harwich Submarine Flotilla. He served in E52 as leading telegraphist during reconnaisance work near Wilhelmshaven at the entrance to Kiel Harbour and in Heligoland Bight.

During one memorable night E-52 was lying off Zeebrugge when he picked up a signal that a U-Boat was leaving the German occupied harbour and orders were given for E-52 half submerged.

When the U-Boat came within range the British craft emerged and fired a couple of shells from her 12 pounder. The German replied with gun fire, but no hits were registered and E-52 finished her off with a torpedo.

IN FAR EAST

After the War Mr. Gee came out to the Far East and became officer in charge of Cape D'Aguilar Wireless Station and at Hongkong fitted out the China Sea Flotilla Submarines with equipments.

He was transferred to Malaya in 1930 and has been operating Petaling Hill Station ever since. Mr. Gee has been participating in tests of the Malaya-Europe radio telephone, which, it is hoped, will be put into operation soon.

It is also mentioned in a London message that a grant has been made to Mr. R. E. Parry, a schools inspector in Uganda, to allow him to make a comparative study of educational methods in Malaya, Java and China.

ECHO OF PARINGA DISASTER

H.K. Engineer Presumed To Have Died

The dramatic loss of the steamship Paringa off the Australian coast on Christmas Day, 1935, was recalled at Supreme Court this morning when an application to presume the death of Mr. James Greig Matthewson Yuill, Chief Engineer, c/o, The Far East Shipping Co., was granted by the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor.

Mr. E. H. Williams, Assistant Attorney General, appeared on behalf of the Official Administrator and asked for an order that death might be sworn to have occurred on or since December 25, 1935. The facts were set out in affidavits by Ng Man, merchant, of Connaught Road Central, the owner of the company, and Tam Tai, of Central Street, West Point.

Ng Man engaged a crew locally to go to Adelaide to take over the Paringa which was chartered to make the journey from Australia to Osaka.

Tam Tai said he joined the Paringa at Adelaide, but he was actually put on board the Vincas, a tanker which the Paringa was to tow to Japan. Three days out of Adelaide, the two ships ran into a typhoon which commenced at 9 p.m. and continued all night and the next day. At 11 a.m. on Christmas Day, the ships were making such heavy going that the Vincas was cut adrift and she eventually anchored safely off Victoria Harbour.

SEEN FOR THREE HOURS

Tam Tai, in his affidavit, said he saw the Paringa for about three hours after the two ships separated. When he last saw her she was still under her own power but was labouring heavily and was obviously in great difficulty, with great waves continually breaking over her. There were three lifeboats on the Paringa, but it would have been difficult to launch them and they could hardly have survived the seas if they had been lowered.

From an inquiry conducted by the Chinese Consul at Melbourne on January 8, Christmas Day apeared to be the last day on which the Paringa was seen. Ng Man had since received the insurance money from Lloyds for the total loss of the ship. The estate involved was a little over $1,000.

The order was granted by the Chief Justice in the form aplied for.

Wing On Bank Application

Currency Charge In Articles

An application to the Court to confirm alterations in the Memorandum of Association of the Wing On Bank, was made before the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, this morning.

The Hon. Mr. Leo D'Almada, jnr., was instructed by Mr. Peter Sin for the Company, and, after presenting affidavits by Mr. Sin and Mr. Philip Gokchin, counsel remarked that the main purpose of the motion was to avoid disputes that might arise over the question of exchange. The words "China national currency" were substituted for "Shanghai currency" though the values were the same, he understood.

The Chief Justice: A rose by another name.

The order was granted.

GREAT DISPLAY BY H.K. TROOPS FOR CORONATION

(Continued from Page 1.)

Corps: One Company of 35 files under Major H. R. Forsyth.

Also on parade will be the bands of the Hongkong Infantry Brigade, less that of the 1st. Kamaon Rifles, under the command of Bandmaster H. A. Hole, of the 1st. Bn. the Royal Ulster Rifles.

The Kumaon's band will play for its own detachments while the massed bands will play for the march past of other units.

The units will then reform opposite the saluting base in front of the Racecourse stands and cheer the departure of His Majesty. This will be followed by the departure of His Excellency the Hon. Mr. N. L. Smith.

SEATING ARRANGEMENTS

Accommodation will be provided near the saluting base for (a) those holding special invitations; (b) officers of the Royal Navy, Army and Royal Air Force, H.K.N.V.F., H.K.V.D.C., their families and friends and members of the Q.A.I.M.N.S.; (c) general public; (d) Chief Petty Officers and Petty Officers, Royal Navy, Warrant officers, Staff-Sergeants and Sergeants of the three Services, their families and friends; (e) naval ratings and other ranks of the Army and Air Force; (f) Boy Scouts, Girl Guides and schoolchildren from the Garrison Schools; and (g) schoolchildren from the Colonial Schools.

Applications by the public for seating accommodation in enclosure "G" should be made to the Secretary Review Committee, "A" Branch, Headquarters China Command.

METAL THEFTS CONTINUE

DAMAGE DONE TO PROPERTY

Charged with doing malicious damage to War Department and P.W.D. property and with the larceny of telegraph cable from Mount Parker and ten iron rods and a water control valve cover, Li Koon, unemployed, appeared before Mr. W. Schofield at the Central Magistracy this morning.

Defendant admitted all charges. Sergeant Morgan, R.E., was the complainant.

Sub-Inspector O'Connor stated that the cable was brand new and damage had been done to the extent of $20. The iron rods had been used to reinforce the concrete water sump. The extent of the damage done to the sump was $10. No cable had been recovered.

On the charge of doing malicious damage to telegraph cable on April 21, defendant was fined $25, or one month, and was ordered to pay $20 amends or serve another three weeks. For the larceny of one head joint and three yards of cable he was sentenced to two months. A fine of $10 or 14 days and $10 amends, or another 14 days, was imposed on the charge of doing malicious damage to the P.W.D. property on April 25. For the larceny of the iron rods and cover defendant was sentenced to two months. All sentences are to run consecutively.

DELEGATES TO THE CORONATION

CHINESE PARTY IN NAPLES

Naples, Apr. 25.

The Chinese delegation to the coronation of King George VI, headed by Dr. H. H. Kung, arrived here to-day and was met by the Chancellor of the Chinese Embassy, several members of the Embassy staff, and legal authorities.

The delegation went on a tour of some of the sights of Naples, and later left for Genoa.—*Reuter.*

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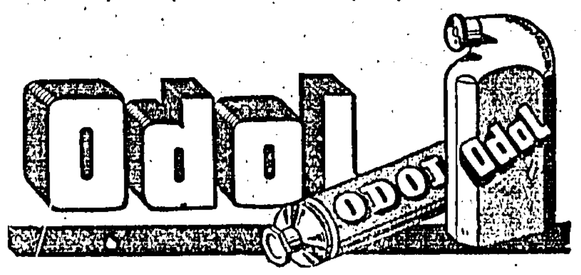

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C7012	PENNIES FROM HEAVEN .....HILDEGARDE. FOR SENTIMENTAL REASONS.
DX762	THE SONG IS ENDED .....CARROLL GIBBONS SERENADE .....AND SAVOY ORPHEANS.
J2340	CAPRICE VIENNOISE .....RICHARD TAUBER. LIEBESLIED.
FB1407	THE KING STEPS OUT .....ALBERT SANDLER AND ORCH.
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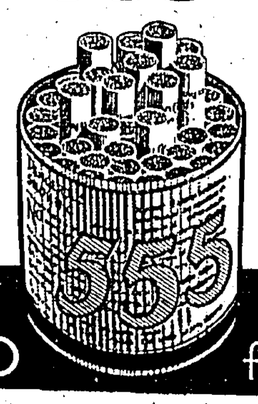

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COMMON PROBLEMS

In whatever other respects Hongkong's and Shanghai's problems may be dissimilar, they have this much in common—a great mass of the people living close to, if not actually below, the subsistence level, a state of affairs which carries with it a slum problem which also is common to both centres. In Hongkong and in Shanghai, the need of reform is appreciated, but the magnitude of the issues involved, to say nothing of the cost, has hitherto delayed action. The time is coming, however, when something will have to be done. Sir Andrew Caldecott, in his final address to the Legislative Council, made this remark: "If the sanitary and social services of this Colony are to be raised and developed to such a level and extent as that which I sometimes see suggested, and not unreasonably suggested, in the Press, extra revenue will have to be found." His words were almost duplicated in the recent Budget speech delivered to ratepayers in Shanghai by Mr. H. E. Arnhold, when he declared: "Sooner or later, it must be realised by the whole community that the Settlement, in common with other municipalities, cannot obtain the services and amenities which modern conditions demand without footing the bill." Mr. Arnhold went on the point out that the economic conditions of the Settlement, and the standing of a large section of the community, are very different from those which prevail in cities of Western countries, and he added that many Britons in Shanghai may not realise that, were they residing in cities in England having approximately the same population as the International Settlement, they would be paying a municipal rate as high as 64 per cent. and possibly higher, in contrast with the proposed Shanghai rate of 16 per cent. In passing, it may be mentioned that the meeting which Mr. Arnhold was addressing approved an increase in rates from 14 to 16 per cent., but succeeded in getting its operation deferred until the beginning of next year. In the matter of social services, Hongkong unquestionably has much leeway to make up. The task is at present largely left to charitable bodies, and, as Sir Andrew Caldecott said in his last Council speech, there are limits to the field of private philanthropy, for the simple reason that not all rich men are philanthropists. It therefore follows that if the work is to be effectively done—and apart from the actual victims of the lack of organised social services, the effects produced on the general public health by the spread of disease must be borne in mind—funds will somehow have to be found. This raises the question of future taxation, any increase in which at this juncture would undoubtedly be most unpopular. But the day will come when the betterment of social conditions and the raising of the standard of living of the masses in this Colony will have to be faced. The finding of the best ways and means constitutes the real problem.

BLACK GOD of HARLEM

A DEATH from heart failure made Father Divine, the sixty-year-old Harlem black who claims that 22,000,000 people of mixed colourings believe him to be God, famous throughout the United States. (They certainly run into millions.)

Another death, from the same cause, slowed down the fervour of his English followers.

Leader of the British Divine worship is Mrs. Julia Hildreth Dodds, of Denbigh-street, London. A little white-haired woman with bright worried eyes, she told me why there is a certain apathy among some of the one hundred and fifty English believers in the black God of Harlem.

Last December John Roine, a Finlander, came from New York to organise a meeting to preach the teachings of Father Divine. A week before the meeting, her husband, Charles Dodds, didn't feel so well. "Write to Father," said Mr. Roine, "he'll see you're all right." Mr. Dodds wrote.

Five days later, with the meeting only three days off, he felt worse. Mr. Roine cabled Father Divine for immediate action. The next day Charles Dodds "passed over." The Father made no acknowledgment of the requests. Mrs. Dodds continued to believe in the divinity of Father Divine, but many of her acquaintances are doubtful, as Father Divine promises life eternal to faithful followers.

Many of the still faithful hope soon that "God will show the way" for them to organise meetings here. Perhaps then you will be able to recognise them by little buttons bearing a coloured photograph of Father Divine, as are pinned on lapels or blouses of his New York "Children."

IN New York when I called a taxi and told the driver to go to Heaven, he took the direction as naturally as, more amiably than, a Londoner would take the opposite injunction.

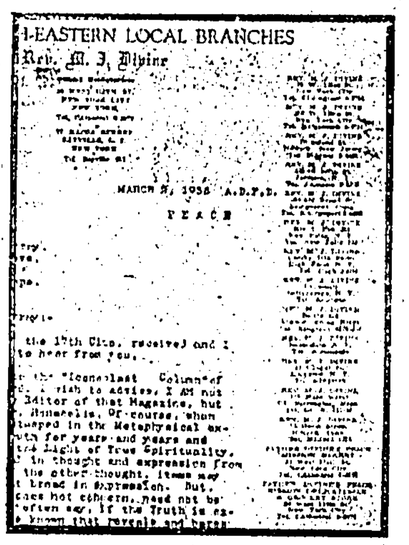
On the way (Heaven's Harlem address is 20, West 115th Street) he told me of the other, fame producing, death.

In 1931, Father Divine's head-office Heaven was in Sayville, Long Island.

By giving away somewhere around 3,000 meals every Sunday—served in shifts from early morning until after midnight—he was attracting such crowds that the traffic of this small village became unmanageable, husbands grumbled that their wives were "crazy for Father Divine," insurance companies complained that this Father Divine was, by his preachings against insurance, taking away their livelihoods.

Where did Divine get the money for these feasts? With irritating insistence his followers would say "it comes from God, Father is God," or, less formal: "What Jesus did with loaves and fishes, Father can do with chicken, ham, spaghetti and coffee."

Father Divine was charged with being a public nuisance. Justice Smith, in a decision that was afterwards overruled, on the grounds that he had allowed prejudice to enter into it, sentenced Father Divine to one year's imprisonment and fined him 500 dollars.


EASTERN LOCAL BRANCHES
Rev. M. J. Divine
MARCH 8, 1936 A.D.F.D.
PEACE
the 15th Inst. received and I to hear from you...
the "Inconclast" Columner of ... wish to advise, I AM not Editor of that Magazine, but Immortals. Of course, when ... tapped in the Metaphysical ex... with for years and years and ... Light of True Spirituality, ... in thought and expression from the other thought, items may ... broad in expression. But, ... ences not otherwise need not be ... often say, if the Truth is re... known that reveals and heals.

FATHER DIVINE

sometimes replies by letter; more often by mental telepathy . . . . .'

Four days later Justice Smith died of heart failure.

The wit of his negro attorney got Divine out of jail within five weeks. "Father Divine sure is God now," said his followers.

The newspapers publicised the case, cynically—but that didn't matter. Here was a flesh-and-blood God who could work miracles. The hysterical, curious, lonely, frightened, feeble-minded, swarmed to Sayville.

TO-DAY, in his five-storey Heaven Father Divine provides (at a price) sleeping accommodation for 1,500 followers, owns two newspapers, one of which sells 10,000 copies a week (3d. each), laundries, restaurants, coal, grocery, barber's, and cleaning-and-pressing shops.

The first day I called on Heaven, Father Divine was out of town on business—buying 1,000 acres of country outside New York for a further Extension Heaven. His beliefs (if you can make sense of them) are taught in 156 mission houses spreading all over the States, with four in Switzerland, many in Canada and Australia.

To become an "Angel" you must renounce—to God—all earthly goods. If your faith is not strong enough for that, you can be a "Child," which means that you pay rent, for food and all services. But "God" supplies everything at cut-rates.

Short, thick-set and with typically negroid features, his arms are noticeably long, sway slightly from side to side as he walks. He wears cheap ready-made suits, flashy ties, a straw hat. His talks, sometimes lasting for an hour, are confused but cheerful.

One of his eight stenographers, usually his secretary Brother Lamb (ex-motor-car salesman Matthews, from Boston, who handed over a Cadillac on his conversion), takes down the speeches which are afterwards printed in his newspapers.

He is fond of plugging a word: "Peace everyone! Here I AM and there I stand in the midst of the children of men Just As I Really AM. Now isn't that wonderful." (Angels shout, chant, scream "It is indeed wonderful, Father," and a huge negress, her face distorted with a deadly skin disease, jumps up and flings her arms around in a sightless ecstasy, knocking over chairs) "to realise that here I AM, there I stand in the midst of the children of men just as I really AM?

"In other words (???) here I stand and there I AM in the midst of the children of men just as you stand. Now isn't that wonderful? But out of all our standing it has long since been said, and I verify the same, after having done all to stand, then STAND"... is the beginning of the speech during which I stood, pressed so close by ecstatic listeners that the sweat from the man behind kept dropping down my neck.

After his speeches, or at the banqueting hall, Angels and Children jump up and confess their sins. 'Father cured me from sniffing snuff; I thank you, Father." "He raised me from the dead."

An old, old man gets up and says that from 80, Father has made him a baby again . . . new teeth are growing . . . he shows his withered gums.

GREATEST help as a business organiser is Divine's wife "Faithful Mary," a fat, jolly, and shrewd old negress who was pronounced an "inebriate tubercular" a few years ago by city police physicians.

Medical attention is against the teaching of Divine, and Manhattan Hospital state that many cases of cancer, tuberculosis and other diseases who were reporting weekly for treatment have dropped off, through this. Living as Children or Angels, the diseased share dormitories with the health.

When they die, they are buried in Poor Law graveyards—unmourned, for they must have been sinners or they would not have died.

The exact mission of Father Divine? To promote peace on earth between all nations and races. More than that, and the belief that everything belongs to Father Divine (God) is vague, subject to individual renderings. To smoke, take alcohol, or any entertainment outside of Heaven, to have children or give your love to any one other than God is a sin.

Father Divine's Angels accept his word that he came to earth, ready-made as his suit, some six years ago.

(Continued on Page 4.)

A CURE FOR THE DUMPS

IT has been said hat the best cure for pessimism is a dose of history, and equally so it may be said that the best dose for the dumps is a dose of humour.

Musing on an influenza bed the other day, it occurred to me that few personalities of my own youth so bubbled over with humour as the late John MacNeil the popular evangelist. One recalls, for instance, his mission in Clydebank. The mission took place in winter, in a time of much industrial trouble and physical distress. His very first address at once caught his audience, and tickled their imagination.

"My subject to-night is," he said, "David in the dumps, and my text the well-known words of David in the Psalm, 'Out of the depths have I cried unto thee Oh Lord,' and he proceeded, "Noo, men and women, ye a' ken what it is to be in the dumps. Everything is wrang and nothing richt. Ye dinna ken what to dae with yerselves. Ye're sae far doon in the depths that some of ye here before me at this moment are sae doon an' oot, that ye may even have thought of pitchin' yerselves into the Clyde." (Great silence.) Then MacNeil, with a flourish of the hand continued, "Weel friends, don't dae it. There's enough rubbish there already."

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On another occasion he had just conducted an evangelistic meeting in the city when questions were invited from the audience. One young man, hoping to corner him with a poser, rose and said, "Mr. MacNeil, could you tell us who was Cain's wife."

Quick as the shot from a gun came the retort, "Mrs. Cain, of course." Then, when the laughter had subsided, he hastened to add, "Now, my young friend, I am an older man than you are, and if you would take my advice, I would like to tell that the less you and I have to do with other men's wives, the better."

Once again, preaching on the subject of Zacchaeus, the tax-gatherer, he explained that in modern days he would be known as the Income-tax colector. Then he proceeded:—"As you and I know from experience, it's not often we get a colector of Income-taxes up a tree. We have one up a tree this time." This humour at once caught the audience, and made the appeal of his message easy and natural.

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Addressing a large meeting in Dundee, he was disturbed in the course of his peroration by a tall young man leaving the meeting, marching right down the hall, much to MacNeil's confusion. He stopped in his address and waited until the silence could be felt, then he shouted out at the top of his voice:—"If that grasshopper would only sit doon for other two moments, that grasshopper with the new 15s suit on his back, I would get through with my address much sooner."

The remark convulsed the audience and silenced the interrupter.

The last touch of humour I heard from him was in Edinburgh, a few years ago, when he adressed the Sabbath Day Observance Association. He quoted an illustration from the church in his native village when a boy. A new tune was given out that day by the minister, and the congregation rose to sing. As soon as the first verse was completed an old maid, seated near the front, with some temper closed her book, turned abruptly out of her seat, and marched down the aisle with head erect, the feather in her hat swaying with the passion in her breast as she made angrily for the door.

After telling the incident, MacNeil explained that every time that tune was given out afterwards in the same church it was known as "Katy Grey's retreat."

W.K.

FREE CHURCH LEADER'S CALL FOR THE SPIRIT OF REVIVAL

ASSEMBLY'S PEACE CHALLENGE

From HUGH REDWOOD

Leicester, Apr. 10.

Leicester greeted its Free Church visitors to-day with alternations of sunshine and driving snow, but otherwise was in no two minds regarding the welcome it gave them.

This city has a reputation not only for hospitality, but also for practical Christian fellowship, and the 800 delegates to the National Free Church Council Assembly were made aware of its friendly atmosphere as soon as they entered the handsome De Montfort Hall for the Lord Mayor's official reception.

The setting, therefore, is favourable to a gathering which will make a real contribution to the present religious forward movement, but it looks as if some of the discussions may be lively.

There is an element here which feels very strongly about such matters as Spain, the German colonies, and the distressed areas, and already there are indications that its spokesmen intend to make themselves heard.

NON-INTERVENTION

At the meeting of the Executive Committee with which to-day's proceedings began, the resolutions on these subjects, which are to be moved during the Assembly, came in for rather more criticism than might have been expected, and I predict that the Peace resolution to be moved by Dr. Rushbrooke on Wednesday will not be passed without challenge.

An amendment on non-intervention is certain to be moved by partisans of the Spanish Government, though I do not think there is any doubt that once again the conviction will be affirmed that all war is contrary to the mind of Christ.

Dr. Norwood, in a statement embodied in the annual report to be presented to-morrow, draws a contrast between churches whose members experience a vital relationship with Christ and those who are suffering from "religious complacency as deadly as creeping paralysis."

It is the inner quickening of the churches that must come first, he urges. Revival cannot be created or engineered. "They are by-products of the real return to God of those who already acknowledge Him."

THE TRUE REVIVAL

"But we are judged primarily," says Dr. Norwood, "by the radical nature of our rebellion against and our impact upon the egregious social and political anomalies of our time.

"A vitalised Church which is manifestly different from other societies, because of the drive of a Divine passion, is the essential ground of a true revival which, as always, cannot work itself out in social reform."

The principal speaker at a crowded meeting to-night in the De Montfort Hall was Mr. Walter Runciman, President of the Board of Trade (once a circuit steward to Dr. Rattenbury, the chairman). His address struck a rather vaguely optimistic note regarding the general outlook.

A statement that the Cabinet, although not a pacifist Cabinet, was a peace Cabinet, called forth some dissent, but Mr. Runciman reasserted that he was with its members six days a week and that" those who rule over the country at this time are devoted to the cause of peace."

He defended the present rearmament programme, but hoped "for a breathing space soon," when we should be as ready as anybody to make terms which would ensure us against the dire distress which threatened us.

The Rev. Leslie Weatherhead (a Leicester man) had something in contrast to say, for his theme was the Church, and speaking of "the probability of a grave crisis which might rapidly come upon us," he said he was proud to belong to the Free Church, to a Church which had no link with the State and had no possibility of a difficult and confusing entanglement.

The Executive Committee will recommend to-morrow that Dr. J. D. Jones be chosen as next year's president and that the next Assembly be held at Bournemouth.

The Assembly to-morrow morning will be invited to pass a resolution associating itself with the Archbishop of Canterbury's recall to religion.

The Bishop of Leicester's message of greeting, which he will deliver immediately afterwards, will gain in significance from the fact that he is the chairman of the Archbishop's Evangelistic Committee.

ROLLER-SKATING HOSTS—More than 400 film players, picture executives and directors became kids again for an evening, at a party sponsored by Alfred G. Vanderbilt, Jr., and Ginger Rogers, widely known screen player, in a Hollywood roller-skating rink. Above are the host and hostess as they greeted guests arriving for the evening's novel programme.

ENORMOUS MAIL FOR CLIPPERS

Public Urged To Aid Hongkong P.O.

30 Passengers On Pacific Flight

Air mail covers posted in Hongkong to-day will be franked at the General Post Office and Kowloon Post Office with the date of departure of the Hongkong Clipper—April 29.

Owing to the enormous mail involved on the inaugural flight to California, the Hongkong postal authorities are anxious that letters should be posted as early as possible.

Ordinary mail can be posted until Wednesday night in the ordinary overseas mail box at the G.P.O., and until 6 a.m. on Thursday in the air mail boxes at the G.P.O. and K.P.O.

Outward ordinary air mail closes at both G.P.O. and K.P.O. at 6 a.m. on Thursday. Registered mail will close at 5 p.m. on Wednesday.

All mail posted for carriage by the Hongkong Clipper will be antedated April 29, the date of the Clipper's departure.

Inward mail from America will be delivered to addresses on Wednesday afternoon.

The China Clipper, which is carrying the mail to Manila, is scheduled to arrive at Cavite to-morrow afternoon. The mail and freight will be transferred to the Hongkong Clipper, which will leave for Hongkong and Macao at dawn on Thursday, arriving here at 11.55 on the same day.

The plane departs from Hongkong for Manila at 8 a.m. on Thursday, and will transfer outward mail to the China Clipper at Cavite on the same day.

No passengers are being carried on the inaugural flight. Passenger service will start next week, when 30 passengers will arrive in Hongkong on the first commercial passenger flight completely across the Pacific. About 20 of the passengers have booked a round trip from Alamada to Hongkong.

Official guests and others are requested by the authorities to arrive at Kai Tack Airport before 11.40 a.m. on Wednesday. His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government, who will publicly welcome the Hongkong Clipper, is arriving at 11.45 a.m.

A running commentary on the arrival of the Clipper, and the welcome to the airmen, will be broadcast by ZBW on both medium and short wave. The short wave broadcast will be relayed by KZRM, Manila, and also by the International Telephone Company's short wave system, which will be picked up in the United States and relayed over nation-wide networks to millions of listeners there.

ARMY BOXERS PERFORMING

The final of the Hongkong Area Boxing Championship, the Inter-Unit Final will take place at Murray Barracks to-night at 8 o'clock.

The finalists are the 1st Bn. The Royal Ulster Rifles and the 2nd Bn. The Royal Welch Fusiliers. The winner will be presented with the Challenge Shield, presented by the Soldiers' Home for competition among units stationed within the Hongkong Area. The holders of the Shield the 2nd Bn. The East Lancashire Regiment—won it in the years 1934-1935-1936.

The Royal Ulster Rifles met the Royal Welsh Fusiliers in the semi-final round last year and lost by a margin of one point.

Tickets are on sale at Moutrie's and Murray Barracks.

GERMAN PLANE CRASH

Berlin, Apr. 26.

A German military aeroplane crashed in the vicinity of Potsdam, killing all occupants, but the Government has declined to divulge the identity of the victims.—*United Press.*

GANDHI DEPLORES USE OF TITLE "MAHATMA"

Madras, India, Apr. 10.

Gandhi's recent remarks deploring his title of "Mahatma" have led to considerable controversy in Indian political circles. Replying to a suggestion by a Madras newspaper that Gandhi should be called "Mister," a former president of the Liberal party, T.R.V. Sastri, said:

"It is not for any individual to dictate to the public who shall be called a "Mahatma." The public and the public alone judges who shall be honoured with that title. The least competent to dictate is the man on whom that title is bestowed.

"I sometimes omit the title and mention his name without any addition. But that is because I believe that when a man has become a world figure, his title to respect and the respect of the public for him are assured and so may be assumed. The title of 'Mahatma' thus becomes superfluous but in this country it would be ridiculous to 'mister' him."

THIS MORNING'S POSTBAG

Tirades on Taxes

THREE cheers for "Remedy"! Allow me to congratulate him on his very sensible letter. The business community of Hongkong has just emerged from a long period of depression and financial difficulties and why in the name of commonsense should your paper consider it necessary to consult the public as to what new taxation should be resorted to provide princely salaries to the Civil Service is beyond my comprehension. The consensus of opinion in the Colony is that, with very few exceptions, our officials are overpaid and a pampered class altogether. What with high sterling salaries, frequent home leaves with free passages for themselves and families, provided by the taxpayers, pension at the age of 50, cheap rental of Government owned houses (6 per cent. on their salaries) etc., etc., they are absolutely a privileged class and the envy of the whole town. I maintain it is not necessary to spend so much to secure the services of these gentlemen. Nowadays, when there is such a super-abundance of highly educated men at home eagerly looking for jobs, it would be quite easy to recruit men to fill their places on less extravagant terms. Besides, many departments could do with a smaller staff. It is a well known fact that during Sir Andrew Caldecott's regime a lot of cutting down of staff was carried out without impairing the work of the Department. A lot more could I write on the subject of the high cost of local Government but I will leave it for another occasion. The salaries paid to Government servants far surpass anything paid for similar class of work in other walks of life.

TAXPAYER.

I wish to heartily support the correspondents who, in Friday's and Saturday's "Telegraph", protest against any increase in taxation in Hongkong while Government throws the money away on the civil service. Let there be a drastic pruning on civil service pensions and amenities such as home leave, and increased taxation will be unnecessary.

J. M.

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WITH reference to the articles on new taxation could you inform readers (1) the total revenue of the Hongkong Government; (2) total expenditure on Government salaries; (3) total expenditure on Government home leave; (4) total expenditure on civil service pensions; (5) total expenditure on defence?

W.

**(1) Total revenue 1936 $30,042,983; (2) Government salaries 1936 (exclusive of Loan, City Development and Opium Monopoly totalling $142,706) estimated total $11,221,151; (3) Unknown; (4) Pensions for 1936, $2,287,745; (5) Defence, 1936, $4,451,242.*

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Children in Crisis

I notice in the Government communique on Air Raids precautions to be adopted in Hongkong that provision is being made for supplying free gas masks to those who would be required for essential services *and their families.* Apparently nothing is to be done for the civilian population which will not be required for essential services. Is there any reason why the families of essential workers should receive protection while the women and children of those not recognised as essential workers should be left without protection? In Britain, provision is being made for the entire community, and every person will be supplied with a gas mask, either free or at a nominal cost. Surely Government does not mean that, in the event of an air attack on Hongkong, its entire efforts will be devoted to "holding on," maskee the effect on civilians who are not members of that privileged class, the essential worker. If civilian women and children are to be the victims, let us get out of Hongkong while the going is good.

TWO CHILDREN.

Bachelor's Bark

A famous American magazine once created a storm by publishing an article, "Latins are Lousy Lovers". I am more inclined to agree with the correspondent who said that the world's worse lovers were the English girls in the Far East. The average Hongkong girl's only interest in men is what he's worth and what she can get out of him. Thick slabs of paint and powder are infinitely more interesting to her than petting, although she will consent to the latter if there's a dinner date at the Hongkong Hotel hanging on the end of it. She will spend hours examining and painting her finger-nails, so exquisitely described by one of your correspondents as "vultures talons", but would not lift one of those gaudy fingers to help a lonely outcast at a party. She will make herself hideous and vulgar in her choice of clothes, preen herself when told that she has been called "daring", and slap the face of the male who attempts to take advantage of her seductiveness.

It isn't, as "R. C. M." suggests, the clothes that are silly and absurd, it's what's in them. Thank God there's one or two clubs in Hongkong where men can get away from females.

MR. BACHELOR.

RADIO BROADCAST

Commentary on the Tennis Semi-Finals, Open Doubles

Z.E.K. PROGRAMME

Radio Programme Broadcast by Z.B.W. on wavelengths of 355 metres (845 k.c.'s), 31.49 metres (9.52 mc's).

4.30 p.m. A running commentary by Frank V. Read on the Semi-Finals of the Open Doubles' Tennis Championship of the Colony, between Wong Shiu-wing and Luk Ding-cheung v H. D. and S. A. Rumjahn. Relayed from the Hongkong Cricket Club Court (by courtesy of the Committee of the Hongkong Cricket Club.)

5.30 p.m. (approx:) A relay of Dance Music from the Roof Garden of the Hongkong Hotel.

6.30 p.m. A Concert.

Bass Solo—Tom Der Reimer (Loewe)....Ivar Andresen; 'Cello Solo—Dimanche de Paques sur la mer (Dupont); Indian Lament (Dvorak).....Maurice Marechal; Soprano Solo—The Little Sandman (Brahms), Hark! Hark! the Lark (Schubert)....Elisabeth Schumann; Pianoforte Solo—Valse in E Major, Op. 34 (Moszkowski)....Arthur de Greef.

7.p.m. Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra, Serenade "Eine Kleine Nachtmusik" (Mozart); Leonora Overture, No. 3 (Beethoven).

7.30 p.m. Stock Quotations and Exchange Market Report.

7.35 p.m. Variety.

Accordeon Solo—Sedibal—One-Step Arabe....Maurice Alexander; Vocal—Goodnight, my Love....Ruth Etting; Organ Solo—Sleep, my little one....Reginald Foort; Vocal—Backscratcher.....Max Miller (Comedian); Vocal with Guitar—Texas Dan....Carson Robison; Orchestra — Memories of Horatio Nicholls....New Mayfair Orchestra; Vocal—Sing something in the morning....Bebe Daniels.

8 p.m. Time Weather and Announcements.

8.03 p.m. A Relay from the Po Hing Theatre (Chinese).

11 p.m. Close Down.

8.05-11 p.m. European Programme from ZEK, on a frequency of 640 kilocycles.

1.05 p.m. Orchestre Raymonde. "Careless Rapture" — Selection (Ivor Novello); By the Sleepy Lagoon (Coates); Chanson D'Amour (Suk); A Musical Snuff Box (Liadow); Delibes in Vienna (Walter—arr.); Berceuse (Jarnefelt).

8.30 p.m. Four Light Songs by Luigi Fort (Tenor).

1. Ay, ay, ay (Perez and Freire); 2. Mignon—Addio, Mignon (Thomas); 3. Ideale (Tosti); 4. Si vous l'aviez compris (Denza).

8.43 p.m. Old Song Hits by Carroll Gibbons and John W. Green.

There's a ring around the moon; "Nymph Errant"—Selection; I want a fair and square man; Ain't she the dainty.

8.56 p.m. Vocal Gems.

"Aida" (Verdi).....Grand Opera Company; "Faust" (Gounod)...Light Opera Company; "Floradora" (Stuart)....Light Opera Company.

9.21 p.m. Gipsy Drinking Song; Gipsy Fantasy....Rode and His Tziganes.

9.30 p.m. London News and Announcements.

9.55 p.m. "The Student Prince"—Serenade, by Allan Prior, Raymond Marlowe, Paul Clemon, Olaf Olson and Chorus.

10 p.m. Dance Music.

Fox-Trot—Come back sweet Papa; Fox-Trot—Pagan Love Song; Fox-Trot—Cheek to cheek; Fox-Trot—Top hat, white tie and tails; Fox-Trot—My, what a diff'rent night.

10.15 p.m. Big Ben.

Fox-Trot — Everybody dance; Comedy Waltz—The feller that played the pianner; Fox-Trot—Life begins when you're in love; Waltz—The whistling waltz; Fox-Trot—Breakin' in a pair of shoes; Fox-Trot—Swing Mister Charlie; Fox-Trot—Chasing Shadows; Fox-Trot—Kiss me goodnight; Fox-Trot—Free; Fox-Trot—Take my heart; Fox-Trot—Knock, knock, who's there; Wood and Ivory; Tango—Echos du Passe; Waltz—Although.

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During the last 48 hours, two cases of smallpox have been reported in Kowloon, according to the Director of Medical Services, and two cases of diphtheria.

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A 40-year-old woman named Tai Ying was admitted to the Government Civil Hospital yesterday, suffering from injuries to the head when she collapsed in Queen's Road Central.

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Ho Sang, 35, was taken to the Shingmun Hospital yesterday suffering from injuries when a premature charge of dynamite suddenly exploded while he was drilling rocks in No. 182 tunnel, Needle Hill. His condition is not serious.

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An unsuccessful attempt to commit suicide by jumping into the harbour from the Yaumati ferry Man Ching last night was made by Tang Kit, 36. The man was rescued by Leung Chi, a seaman on the ferry, and taken to the Kowloon Hospital.

J. N. Brennan, a seaman of U.S.S. Mindanao, was admitted to the Government Civil Hospital yesterday, suffering from injuries received through falling down the stairs of 9 Thomson Road.

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Suffering from injuries to the chest as the result of a fall into a hold of H.M.S. Olympus, Tse Hon, a labourer employed by the Naval Yard, has been taken to Government Civil Hospital for treatment.

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On a charge of returning to the Colony after having been banished for ten years on February 27 last, Leung Wah, 20, was sentenced to one year's hard labour by Mr. K. Keen at the Central Magistracy this morning.

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Pleading guilty to larceny of a metal pocket watch from Chan Kai, a prospective theatre-goer outside the Ko Shing Theatre on Saturday, Leung Wai, an unemployed man aged 35, was sentenced to two months' hard labour by Mr. W. Schofield at the Central Magistracy this morning.

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FINCHER-RUMJAHN SEMI-FINAL ON WEDNESDAY

REVISED TENNIS PROGRAMME

The Singles Final On Friday

DOUBLES MAY 4

(By "Veritas")

Unless rain comes to stop the tennis matches arranged for this afternoon and to-morrow, the postponed singles championship semi-final between E. C. Fincher and S. A. Rumjahn will be played on Wednesday.

This match takes the place of the singles final originally scheduled for Wednesday.

Instead the final will be played on Friday, and the men's doubles final will be tranferred from Friday to Tuesday week.

The amended programme for the remaining matches in the Colony and H.K.C.C. events is as follows:

THIS AFTERNOON

Colony Doubles Championship semi-final. Wong Shui-wing and Luk Ding-cheung v. S. A. and H. D. Rumjahn.

TUESDAY

H.K.C.C. Mixed Doubles final. Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Sullivan v. G. Polglase and Mrs. R. M. Wood.

WEDNESDAY

Colony Singles Championship semi-final. E. C. Fincher v. S. A. Rumjahn.

THURSDAY

H.K.C.C. Singles Championship. A. L. Sullivan v. M. Pagh.

FRIDAY

Colony Singles Championship final. H. D. Rumjahn v. E. C. Fincher or S. A. Rumjahn.

TUESDAY, MAY 4

Colony Doubles Championship final. E. C. Fincher and W. C. Hung v. S. A. and H. D. Rumjahn or Wong Shui-wing and Luk Ding-cheung.

RUMJAHNS TO WIN TO-DAY

Should Reach 12th Final In 13 Years

To-day's tennis championship match is the open doubles semi-final between Wong Shui-wing and Luk Ding-cheung and the Rumjahn cousins.

A comfortable win for the cousins, which will mean their twelfth appearance in the final in the course of 13 years, is indicated. Wong and Luk are steady players and this may help them to win a set, though I doubt it.

The Rumjahns are playing quite well at the present and they are not likely to be upset by the slowing-down methods of the Chinese.

A three-straight sets win is the probable outcome of the match.

Two games in the H.K.C.C. handicap doubles event are also being played this afternoon. R. M. Wood and J. E. Richardson meet F. V. Harrison and A. S. Read, and A. H. Penn and J. R. Collis play G. E. R. Divett and B. O'M. Deane.

Led 5-1, Then Lost The Match

IN KOWLOON TONG TENNIS FINAL

O. L. Pang (owe 30.4) was unlucky to lose his match with S. A. Gray (owe 40) yesterday in the final of the Kowloon Tong Club handicap singles.

Pang led 5-1 in the final set, ad two match points in the eighth game and another in the ninth. But each time he made wild shots which proved to be costly errors. Neither player was at his best, though Pang played some very nice shots.

The scores in favour of Gray read 6-4, 5-7, 7-5.

K. C. C. TOURNEY

An American tennis tournament was played at the Kowloon Cricket Club yesterday, the following taking part:

"A" team.—Mr. and Mrs. A. E. P. Guest, Mr. and Mrs. T. White, Mr. and Mrs. H. Crabb, W. L. Mackenzie and Mrs. E. C. Fincher, W. W. Hirst and Mrs. H. Cairns, Mr. and Mrs. J. Gardner, T. Hunter and Mrs. Old.

"B" team.—A. W. Ramsey and Miss Perry, Mr. and Mrs. W. Gittins, Mr. and Mrs. Coombes, R. Harding and Miss Nash, N. A. E. Mackay and Miss Old, A. L. Fisher and Miss A. Mackenzie, C. J. Tacchi and Mrs. Blandford.

"B" team won by nine points.

Baer Changes Mind

New York, Apr. 24.

Ancil Hoffman, manager of Max Baer, the American heavyweight boxer, has cabled the Madison Square Garden that the former world champion has reconsidered his decision to quit. "He will gladly fight Bob Pastor of New York providing a date can be arranged," says Hoffman. —*United Press*

After being out-pointed by Tommy Farr, the British heavyweight champion, last week, Baer announced that he would retire from the ring.

£20,000 Offer For Schmeling-Baer Fight

(By Geoffrey Simpson)

An offer of £20,000 for an open-air fight in London awaited Max Schmeling, the former heavyweight champion of the world, when he reached Berlin on his return from the United States.

It was made by Mr. Sydney Hulls, the Harringay promoter, who plans to match Schmeling against Max Baer, at the White City Stadium in June.

Baer knocked out Schmeling in ten rounds in their first and only meeting in 1933, and later went on to win the world championship.

The proposed London contest, therefore, would be a battle between two former world title-holders.

It would be the biggest fight ever held in England, but before anything can be done Baer must beat Tommy Farr, the British champion, whom he meets at Harringay on April 15.

SCHMELING AND BRADDOCK

Schmeling at the moment is concerned with the threatened breakdown of his match with the champion, Jimmy Braddock, arranged for June 3 in New York.

He told the *Daily Mail* Berlin correspondent that he had made no progress on his New York visit. The position is that Braddock has signed to meet Joe Louis in Chicago on June 22, ignoring the June 3 date with Schmeling. Legal proceedings have been started to prevent the Chicago contest.

"I would like to fight the winner of the Baer-Farr contest," said Schmeling, discussing the London offer, "but I still consider I am bound by contract to fight Braddock on June 3 under the auspices of Madison-square Garden. A clause in my contract forbids me to sign for any fight before that date."

He plans to go ahead with his preparations for the Braddock fight until a definite decision has been reached. In the meantime he cannot entertain other offers.

SCRUMMAGE RULES ALTERATION

How Will They Hook Next Season?

The complete official code, from the International Board, for the 1937-38 season has not yet been presented to the four Home Unions for ratification and adoption, so it is not yet possible to make a definite conclusion as to the changes reported a fortnight ago.

As regards the most important point, the change in the Scrummage Law, the whole thing depends upon whether the old Law 15, Sub-section (K) is deleted. This is the section which deals with the first three feet not being raised or advanced, and which has always been read in conjunction with Sub-section (F), the one actually altered.

If (K) is not deleted, there would seem to be little comprehensive change; but if (K) has gone (and this appears to be the case) then the new ruling seems to imply that the outside men of each front row may hook with their inside feet.

One doubts the efficacy of this, for surely not only will the ball be constantly kicked out again, but also, when it is hooked, it will have a considerable tendency to come out of the side, rather than the back of the scrum.

Many packs in these circumstances will surely decide to go down 3—4—1, rather a retrograde move in the opinion of those who are continually advocating solidarity of shove, and a return to the good old days of wheeling.

The complete code is expected out in a few days time, when presumably we may expect final elucidation of this point.—H. B. T. W.

Here is the Irish team, composed of the full first eleven Royal Ulster Rifles, photographed with the International Charity Cup after they had beaten England. (Photo: Yuen Chun Studios).

ROYAL ULSTER RIFLES WIN CHARITY CUP FOR IRELAND

ENGLAND'S MORBID MOOD

(By "Veritas")

Ireland ... 3 (Moore 2, Ferguson) England ... 1 (Lands)

THIS International Charity Cup final played at Caroline Hill yesterday produced a standard of play which suggested the 22 players were suffering from footballphobia. In any case the game gave the crowd good cause for developing this complaint.

Ireland won easily. Much easier than the score indicates. They were the better of two not very good teams. Nevertheless one could find reasonable excuses for both sides. The sun was fierce and glaring; the season has now lasted close on eight months, the players are, in fact, football-weary, and only the important stakes attached to the match kept it sufficiently interesting for anybody to remain in his seat.

RATHER WOEFUL

England put up a rather woeful showing. They should have done better. Chief fault was in the attack which never became consolidated. Only Blake and Bickford threatened danger; even looked like scoring. But Bickford was very shabbily treated both by his inside forwards and his half backs. I don't recall him receiving one decent pass throughout the game. But he was a good worker, prepared to fetch and carry and still make things difficult for the opposing defence.

Blake played a similar role at centre-forward and one could not but admire his pluck, his energy and his attempts to be enterprising. That he lacked the necessary experience to allow him to polish off some extremely courageous efforts was unfortunate, but does not detract from the merit of the efforts. Of the rest of the forwards it is kinder to remain silent; except that I would say Lands proved a real disappointment and obviously has not yet become sufficiently acclimatised to conditions to be ranked in first division class.

Considerable work devolved upon Webster, Strange and Smith, the last named playing in goal. On the whole they came through the ordeal with credit, though I was surprised to see how easily Ferguson beat Webster in their duels for the ball. The half backs were purely and simply defensive, and not especially notable in that respect. They only partially subdued the Irish forwards.

ABOUT THE WINNERS

The Irishmen raised their game to a level sufficiently higher than that of the Englishman to win the match with something to spare.

At times the forwards played together with fine understanding and there was always danger coming from the Erwin-Killen wing, Ferguson further demonstrated that he is a much better left winger than an inside forward, and Moore's go-ahead methods made a useful contribution to the efficacy of the attack.

Glabraith, Campbell's deputy, was not much in the picture at centre-half, though one appreciated his obstructiveness. The wing halves were very good, doing notable work in keeping their forwards well supplied with passes which had some practical value. Stevens was brilliant in defence and Pickering, though not his equal, was sound and conceded nothing.

It wasn't surprising to find the Irishmen playing better together than the losers, but this does not exonerate the English lads for their pitiful efforts to drive the ball goalwards.

Ireland led 2-1 at half time and Moore clinched the issue late in the second half.

Ferguson, Moore, and then Moore again, scored for Ireland, and Lands obtained England's goal.

SPLENDID SEASON

Ireland was composed of the full first eleven of the Royal Ulster Rifles, who thus completed the double during the week-end—winning the first division championship and the Charity Cup. Very praiseworthy and meritorious. One is reminded of that wonderful 1934 season of the South Wales Borderers, though I honestly don't think the Rifles are as good a team as the "24th." But they have enjoyed a marked successful season. Next year, though, look out for the Seaforth Highlanders. I have a hunch they are going to figure very prominently in our competitions.

Twilight Settles On The Football Season In England

Twilight has settled on the 1936-7 football in England and Scotland. There is still another week left before the league programmes are completed and then follows the English Cup final.

For the most part the problems of championships, promotion and relegation are settled.

Manchester City, making a brilliant recovery late in the season have won the first division title, and no team has better deserved such an honour. Arsenal have still a chance of finishing second, but Charlton are slightly better placed.

At the other end of the table one sorrowfully observes that Wednesday are practically doomed for relegation, though it is possible, if Wednesday win their last match and Leeds lose theirs, goal average will have to settle which two of Leeds, Manchester United and the Wednesday shall drop into the second division.

Blackpool and Leicester have made themselves safe for promotion into the senior division, but as to which will win the second division championship will not be known until next week. Leicester with a game to play, are one point behind Blackpool who have completed their fixtures. Bradford City and Doncaster will find new pastures next season, Doncaster, like Reading a few years ago, returning to the third division.

RARE STRUGGLE

There is a rare struggle for the third division (south) title. Luton and Notts County have identical records and everything hinges on their last games. Luton's goal average is superior and it is possible this may decide whether they or Notts enter the second division.

Aldershot will have to apply for re-election to the third division.

In the northern section Stockport and Lincoln are still grimly fighting for the championship and promotion. Both have a game to play, but Stockport lead in the race by one point.

Glasgow Rangers never fail to win either the Scottish League or the Scottish Cup. This year they have made it the league, and very comfortably have they won it. Albion and Dunfermline are doomed for relegation and Ayr and Morton will compete in the first division next season.

Three teams in the four English divisions have topped the 100 mark in goal-scoring. Manchester City have 105 so far, Luton are credited with 101 and Lincoln with 103.

None of the first division Scottish League teams has reached the three-figure mark, yet in the second division, in which only 34 games are played, no less than three teams have accomplished the performance. Ayr have scored 122, Morton 105 and St. Bernards 100 precisely.

Melbourne Inman To Play Billiards In Singapore

Melbourne Inman, the famous billiards player, writes to the *Straits Times* stating that he and Horace Lindrum will leave England on April 24 on a world tour.

They expect to be in Singapore in July. Their exhibitions will include an hour's billiards, two or three frames of snooker, and a display of fancy strokes.

Inman is the former billiards champion. Horace Lindrum is a snooker wizard and recently compiled record breaks of 141 and 135. He gave Joe Davis a very close fight in defence of his (Davis's) title as snooker champion a few weeks ago.

Last year Lindrum achieved the billiards player's exhibition in recording a four-figure break (1008), and at snooker he six times topped the century, with 131 as the best break—since exceeded as above mentioned.

Cricketers Honoured By Sookunpoo Club

Members of the Indian R.C. gathered together in the club-house at Sookunpoo on Saturday evening at dinner to celebrate the success of the First Division cricket team in the League and to honour three members, A. R. Minu, A. H. Madar and K. Nazarin, who were selected to represent Hongkong in the last Interport match against Shanghai.

Addressing the gathering, Mr. A. el Arculli, President of the Club, congratulated Mr. A. H. Rumjahn, captain of the cricket team, on his success. Referring to the three Interporters, Mr. Arculli said they not only brought fame to themselves but honour to the Club (Applause).

Messrs. Rumjahn, Minu and Madar suitably replied.

Expressions of regret that F. D. Pereira, their former fast bowler and Interporter, was not with them to join in the celebrations were made by the speakers.

Clubhouse Chatter — By "Veritas"

DANGERS OF EXCESSIVE COMPETITIVE SOCCER IN HONGKONG

H.K.F.C. DROP BROAD HINT TO THE ASSOCIATION

ONE wonders what amount of notice, if any, will be taken by the Hongkong Football Association to Mr. V. M. Grayburn's timely warning issued at the H.K.F.C. annual dinner on Saturday concerning the dangers of encouraging and organising too much competitive football. In the *Telegraph* alone, columns have already been written about this subject. It has, so to speak, been hung, drawn and quartered. It will probably have to go through a dozen similar processes before our administrative body realises that clubs and players are beginning to find the soccer season burdensome and intrusive.

Over 500 League Matches

ONLY as a result of superhuman efforts on the part of officials like Mr. C. Carter, and the willingness of teams to co-operate in the playing of mid-week matches, has it been possible to get the season's programme completed as far as it is at this time. Very possibly the F.A. will have the right to look back with pride upon the fact that in the space of nearly eight months more than 500 league matches have been played, together with an Interport series, an International Charity Cup competition, the Lai Wah Cup tournament, the Senior and Junior Shields, the Governor's Cup competition and the Kotewall Cup. Nevertheless one can't escape from the feeling that in spite of this achievement, association football has become a little too competitive. The most direct threat is to rob the game of its pretensions for establishing and quickening friendly relationships on and off the field of play and of its desirable aim to create truly sporting rivalry. Less to-day does one feel that "The game's the thing." Rather is it becoming "The competition's the thing". Very clearly this can be taken to a point of excess, entailing a loss of prestige and glamour which the game hitherto has boasted.

F.A. Should Take Note

ONCE having created competitions, it is not easy, even if in fact desirable, to shelve them. The problem is how to conduct them in such a way that they do not become an affliction to the players and the game. I have already outlined methods by which this might be accomplished, and I am not going over the same ground again. But if Mr. Grayburn, speaking on behalf of an important club which has produced numbers of Hongkong's best footballers, is prepared to make this subject public, and other clubs are willing to put forward resolutions concerning the same matter at the F.A. annual meeting, as was done last year, then the Association should begin to appreciate that footballers, both players and supporters of the game, are becoming anxious as to the future developments of soccer in the Colony, and that every effort should be made to prevent it from losing any of its lustre and appeal.

Successful Visit To Canton

NO more fitting emphasis for his plea for more friendly and less competitive football could have been made by Mr. Grayburn than his reference to the recent visit to Canton of the football team drawn from the Hongkong and Kowloon Football Clubs. There were several memorable features about that visit. The Colony players and officials were loud in their praise for the fine sportsmanship displayed not only by their Chinese opponents, but by the spectators. The crowd, as keen as mustard in following the play, never hesitated to applaud any good work, whether accomplished by the Canton or the Hongkong team. The Canton hosts went out of their way to make everything ideally satisfying for the visitors. The effect has been to give a good many people a new and happier impression of the Chinese attitude to football. And off the field the Hongkong representatives were treated just as royally. It is a matter for the keenest satisfaction that the event proved so successful. There is every likelihood of this match being perpetuated.

Club Winds Up The Season

THERE was a very jolly atmosphere in the Hongkong Hotel Roof Garden on Saturday night. The Club dinner was an outstanding success. Speeches were short, correctly reflective, and in some cases witty. The rugby section pointed to a season of distinct achievement. The Interport won; the Blarney Seven-A-Side trophy recaptured. Mr. A. F. Walkden's tribute to the fine displays of the Royal Welch Fusiliers was generally appreciated. Afterwards the ladies joined in. And how the Paul Jones were enjoyed!

K.C.C. Improvements

WORK on the new tennis courts at the Kowloon Cricket Club is proceeding apace. Already the turf has been laid. Very shortly, it is hoped, the new lawn bowls green will begin to take shape. It has long been felt that the K.C.C. need a second green, and it is expected to prove a big asset to the club when completed. It is good to see these progressive movements at such an important institution as the K.C.C., and I am just as certain that the club will reap benefits from such a policy. Neither courts nor bowls green are likely to be ready for use much before the end of the year, by which time the K.C.C. may be able to contemplate adding badminton to its activities. But this is dependent on several factors, and it is too early at this stage to say whether or not the game will be revived. Badminton players generally are agreed that it would be a great boon to the game here if the K.C.C. adopted it once again.

Smith (R.A.S.C.) England's goalkeeper leaps high to fist out the ball during an Irish raid in yesterday's International Charity Cup match. Ireland beat England 3-1. (Photo: Ming Yuen).

GLAD TO HELP—Fred Perry, left, British tennis ace, obligingly adjusts the shirt of Bill Tilden, American net star, before their match in New York. Then Perry proceeded to beat Tilden.

English Rugby Club Records

	W.	D.	L.	For	Agst.	Pts.
CHIEF LONDON						
Blackheath	11	0	18	234	365	
Harlequins	12	4	9	256	161	
L. Scottish	15	0	13	330	228	
L. Welsh	17	0	12	336	286	
Richmond	10	2	15	303	305	
Rosslyn Park	15	0	10	310	352	
Wasps	22	1	4	311	106	
NORTHERN						
Birkenhead Pk.	22	1	4	437	—	
Blackburn	11	2	10	135	200	
Blaydon	14	2	10	200	218	
Bradford	10	3	15	278	306	
Brighouse Rgrs.	12	2	13	210	283	
Broughton Pk.	10	3	15	144	191	
Carlisle	10	2	10	233	228	
Chester	16	1	9	293	159	
Durham City	16	1	8	295	214	
Furness	13	1	9	294	278	
Fylde	9	3	13	286	254	
Gateshead Fell	12	1	10	279	186	
Gosforth	9	0	14	261	277	
Halifax	12	1	11	211	207	
Harrogate O.B.	7	3	17	154	284	
Hartlepool O.B.	6	2	15	162	294	
Hartlepool R.	18	2	8	301	258	
Headingley	20	3	5	350	168	
Huddersfd O.B.	7	5	16	175	277	
Hull	11	4	7	174	171	
Ilkley	9	4	15	269	294	
Kendal	24	1	6	477	185	
Leeds Univ.	10	2	15	256	315	
Liverpool	13	3	11	239	255	
Liverpool Univ.	31	2	9	394	214	
Manchester	14	3	11	261	269	
Manch'r Univ.	6	1	19	187	365	
Morley	14	2	9	267	280	
New Brighton	15	0	10	228	248	
North Durham	11	1	11	200	193	
Northern	20	1	6	384	166	
Old Novos	8	0	14	186	221	
Otley	17	2	10	413	251	
Percy Park	19	3	7	396	177	
Rockcliff	8	2	10	185	326	
Ryton	5	1	15	111	273	
Sale	10	1	11	375	289	
Sandal	16	1	10	286	208	
Sunderland	14	0	7	264	134	
Tynedale	18	3	6	330	128	
Wakefield	24	1	2	467	85	
Waterloo	17	1	12	227	229	
Wortoe	20	2	3	301	103	
W. Hartlepool	9	4	13	186	226	

	W.	D.	L.	For	Agst.	Pts.
OTHER LONDON						
Albion	7	2	12	132	181	
Bantams	7	3	9	129	121	
Barnet	10	2	8	126	185	
Catford B.	10	3	13	165	179	
Dareath	16	1	3	238	84	
Finchley	12	1	8	214	184	
Honor Oak Pk.	10	2	10	178	185	
L.U. Vandals	6	0	15	204	266	
Park House	5	0	20	107	317	
Sidcup	6	1	13	176	287	
Sutton	9	1	11	148	162	
Thames V.	17	2	5	280	155	
Toc H.	8	2	7	111	74	
Twickenham	9	3	11	144	190	
Warlingham	6	1	11	153	158	
Wembley	9	1	11	197	282	
SERVICES						
Artists' Rifles	18	1	7	239	210	
H.A.C.	9	2	9	156	312	
King's Own	25	1	5	450	136	
Met. Police	25	0	6	487	169	
Nore Command	18	3	15	386	314	
R.N.E.C.	9	1	17	238	328	
U'ted Services	22	2	12	418	291	
HOSPITALS AND BANKS						
Barclays Bank	12	2	7	207	170	
King's Coll.	10	1	14	208	220	
Lloyds Bank	19	2	5	342	127	
Midland Bank	11	2	7	189	112	
Nat. Prov. Bk.	17	2	1	295	83	
St. Mary's	14	2	5	242	156	
Westm'ster Bk.	14	2	8	305	195	
HOUSE CLUBS						
Cavendish	19	1	4	401	82	
Ford's S.C.	23	1	2	557	56	
Ibis	17	1	5	413	176	
Lensbury	9	2	9	207	159	
L.C.C. (Staff)	10	1	11	196	155	
Metrovick	16	1	4	277	114	
P.L.A.	10	1	10	154	146	
Unilever	17	1	2	401	72	
Zurich Ins.	12	0	12	308	173	
MIDLANDS						
Abingdon	21	1	1	336	70	
Aylesbury	17	2	5	356	114	
Camp Hill O.E.	14	2	9	225	201	
Chiltern	21	2	11	208	173	
Handsworth	10	2	13	174	246	
Mid. Herts	13	3	6	284	167	
Moseley	17	2	7	245	140	
Moseley Utd.	20	3	0	423	100	
Nuneaton	16	3	10	332	221	
Tamworth	9	2	16	190	217	

	W.	D.	L.	For	Agst.	Pts.
OLD BOYS						
Albanians	4	2	12	119	198	
Alleynians	7	2	15	181	258	
Ashteadians	16	1	4	319	134	
Bancroftians	15	0	8	274	138	
Citizens	8	1	14	116	210	
Colfeians	19	1	2	389	98	
Dunstonians	19	0	6	304	138	
Elizabethans	17	0	5	264	111	
Elthamians	12	1	12	206	246	
Gaytonians	16	0	8	287	150	
Grammarians	6	1	13	111	260	
Gravesendians	11	1	9	205	148	
Haberdashers	9	1	16	251	248	
Tollejburians	15	1	6	248	162	
Hulmeians	20	0	8	480	122	
Juddians	9	1	10	138	109	
K.C.S.	12	1	9	178	187	
Mid-Whitgift'ns	18	2	4	386	146	
Radingensians	14	3	6	229	129	
Rutlishians	15	1	9	302	157	
Skinners	13	3	5	199	183	
Surbitonians	15	1	7	267	112	
Tiffinians	22	0	0	398	71	
Wandsworth'ns	17	2	4	378	102	
Watfordians	14	1	8	156	108	
Westcliffians	4	2	11	99	185	
Whitgiftians	7	4	13	148	172	
WEST OF ENGLAND						
Berkshire W.	12	2	11	267	225	
Bristol	18	3	12	239	118	
Cheltenham	17	4	7	167	162	
Gloucester	20	2	10	328	222	
Oldmouth	14	2	14	243	257	
Stroud	22	1	5	303	105	
Taunton	14	2	12	197	186	
Teignmouth	19	1	10	310	216	
Torquay Ath.	19	1	18	325	281	
Weymouth	11	3	8	165	139	
SOUTH OF ENGLAND						
Bournemouth	12	0	13	201	274	
B'mouth S.C.	21	0	3	531	106	
Eastbourne	10	0	11	208	209	
Portsmouth	15	0	12	268	352	
Reigate	9	4	7	190	257	
Thanet Wdrs.	15	0	5	311	91	
Trojans	18	2	8	423	196	
Worthing	18	1	8	401	116	
EAST OF ENGLAND						
Chingford	13	0	8	221	180	
Ilford W.	6	2	14	138	250	
Ipswich	15	0	7	342	166	
Southend	8	3	13	184	264	
Wanstead	14	1	7	240	188	
Woodford	13	4	9	189	132	

Where Are the New Makers of Test Cricket History?

SHORTAGE OF ALL-ROUNDERS

During the last two or three years many of the players who have made history in Test cricket have dropped out of the limelight, Hobbs, Hendren, Jardline, Sutcliffe, Tate, and Woolley of England; Woodfull, Ponsford, and Grimmett, of Australia; and Bell, Nupen, and Vincent, of South Africa, all appear to have ended their careers as Test cricketers.

Who have stepped into their shoes? Who are the leading batsmen, bowlers, wicketkeepers and all-rounders of international cricket? The following figures, complete to May 1, 1937, provide the answers to these questions:

BATSMAN—(700 RUNS)

	No. of Tests.	Runs.	100's	Aver.
D. G. Bradman (A.)	33	4,659	18	97.06
G. Headley (W.I.)	16	1,601	6	66.70
C. S. Dempster (N.Z.) ...	10	723	2	65.72
W. R. Hammond (E.)	62	5,388	16	50.86
J. H. Fingleton (A.)	14	1,066	5	48.45
S. J. McCabe (A.)	35	2,394	5	46.81
M. Leyland (E.)	40	2,577	8	43.76
B. Mitchell (S.A.)	27	1,933	4	42.95

BOWLERS—(30 WICKETS)

	No. of Tests	Wickets.	Aver.
E. A. Martindale (W.I.)	7	33	14.84
W. J. O'Reilly (A.) ...	22	114	22.00
H. Verity (E.)	29	107	23.07
W. E. Bowes (E.)	10	46	23.52
M. Nichols (E.)	13	39	25.41
W. Voce (E.)	23	92	26.20

ALL-ROUNDERS (350 runs and 25 wickets)

	No. of Tests.	Runs.	Aver.	Wkts.	Aver.
G. O. Allen (E.)	22	651	25.23	76	28.60
Amar Singh (I.) ...	7	394	30.30	28	30.64
L. N. Constantine (W.I.)	15	531	18.30	47	30.17
W. R. Hammond (E.)	62	5,388	50.86	76	36.81
S. J. McCabe (A.) .	35	2,394	46.81	34	36.61
R. W. V. Robins (E)	15	521	27.42	56	28.30
H. Verity (E.)	29	548	23.82	107	23.07

WICKETKEEPERS

	No. of Tests.	Runs.	Aver.	Dismissals.
L. E. G. Ames (E.)	37	1,878	38.32	77
G. Duckworth (E.)	24	234	13.76	63
W. A. Oldfield (A.)	54	1,427	22.65	130

These figures emphasise the current shortage of all-rounders. Compared with men like M. A. Noble, J. M. Gregory, and W. W. Armstrong, McCabe's all-roundness is not impressive; and only a partisan could compare the four English representatives will predecessors like Rhodes, F. S. Jackson, J. W. H. T. Douglas, and Hirst.

So long as this famine lasts Test elevens must go into the field with "tails" of uncomfortable length.

ENGLISH CRICKETERS FOR INDIA

Lord Tennyson's Team Announced

Lord Tennyson's team to visit India next cold weather, states *The Statesman*, will, according to Mr. A. S. de Mello, hon. secretary of the Cricket Club of India, consist of the following:

Lord Tennyson: (Hampshire). P. G. H. Fender: (Surrey). G. O. Allen: (Middlesex). Leyland: (Yorkshire). Hammond: (Gloucestershire). Fagg: (Kent). Worthington: (Derbyshire). B. H. Lyon: (Gloucestershire). R. H. Moore: (Hampshire). I. S. Akers-Douglas: (Kent). Verity: (Yorkshire). Barnett (Gloucestershire). McCorkell: (Hampshire). Cover: (Surrey), or Voce (Notts).

It is quite probable that Patsy Hendren and Frank Woolley will be included.

Frank Tarrant has also advised the Cricket Club that if invited to do so he will be able to bring out an attractive team of Australian cricketers from the following; V. Y. Richardson, C. B. Grimmett, W. M. Woodfull, L. Fleetwood Smith, L. McCormick, E. H. Bromley, B. A. Barnett, A. F. Kippax, H. C. Chilvers, J. H. Fingleton, A. G. Chipperfield, S.J. McCabe, D. Tallon, C. R. Brown and O. Wendell Bill.

WEEK-END YACHTING

Britain won the Scandinavia Cup race by 22 points yesterday in the annual encounter with a Scandinavian team. Four yachts, with a crew of three, represented the teams, the race being in two stages. Tiffin was taken at the Club house.

Results:

Morning.—Britain, 24 points: Scandinavia, 13 points.

Afternoon.—Britain, 24 points: Scandinavia, 13 points.

Total.—Britain, 48 points; Scandinavia, 26 points.

Those taking part were:

Britain.—G. G. Wood, Lieut. C. D. A. Ross, Capt. D. M. Eley, H. S. Rouse, C. T. Davis, G. H. Gandy, Major B. E. C. Dixon, K. M. A. Barnett, D. W. Wagstaff, C. C. Blake, Capt. G. H. W. Baird, Major B. B. Edwards.

Scandinavia.—B. Naess, K. Knudsen, B. A. Anderson, H. Dreyer, G. Lundberg, N. W. Smeby, S. Berg, F. Y. Jensen, A. E. Fingalsen, J. Johnsen, E. Palmers, S. Jorgensen.

ANNUAL ATHLETICS

I.R.C. HAVE GOOD MEETING

The Indian Recreation Club ground was gaily decorated and thronged with people yesterday for its sixth annual athletic meeting. Unlike other athletic meetings the I.R.C., while retaining a few championship events, composed their programme mainly of novelty events.

It was one of these novelty events that caused the events to fall behind the scheduled times. The Mathematical Races were not completed at the first try—the problems were too difficult! Great amusement was caused during the Obstacle Race in which the last was first. A. K. Minu though reaching the tape last, was awarded the race because he was the only one to wriggle underneath tarpaulin which was broken during the struggle, the earlier ones to finish were all disqualified.

Prior to calling upon Mrs. A. G. Suffiad to distribute the prizes, Mr. A. el Arculli, President said it was very gratifying to have so many people attend the meeting. The year for the Club had been very successful. They had tied wih the Hongkong Cricket Club for the first division cricket championship. To the cricketing members of the Club the heartiest congratulations were extended. In the tennis world the Club had also been successful. H. D. Rumjahn had reached the final of the Open Singles Championship and the Club hoped that he and his cousin, S. A. Rumjahn, would succeed in the Open Doubles.

The thanks of the Club were due to Messrs. A. Rahmin (Sports Secretary) and A. B. Minu (Hon. Secretary) for the spade work done in preparing the sports for that afternoon. Grateful thanks were extended to the prize donors, the Officer Commanding and Officers of the H.K.S.R.A. for the music rendered during the afternoon by the Pipe band and Capt. D. C. Chopra.

THE RESULTS

The results were:

Cricket Novelty.—1 M. I. Razack; 2, M. Y. Adal.

100 Yards Mathematical Race (Boys under 12).—1, S. K. Hoosenally; 2, F. C. Curreem; 3, T. A. Kader.

100 Yards Mathematical Race (Girls under 14).—1, L. Curreem; 2, Z. el Arculli; 3, Mary Suffiad.

50 Yards Three-Legged Race.—1, K. Narain and A. R. Kitchell; 2, D. M. A. Razack and M. I. Razack.

50 Yards Mathematical Race (Members of the Ladies' Section).—1, Miss A. H. Curreem; Miss Z. el Arculli; 3, Miss L. Suffiad.

Egg and Spoon Race (Members 35 years and over).—1, R. Nazarin; 2, M. Mamak.

100 Yards Championship (Members).—1, S. A. Rumjahn; 2, M. el Arculli. Time:—10 4/5 secs.

30 Yards Pick-a-back Race (Boys under 10).—1, S. K. Khan and M. M. Samy; 2, M. Razack and A. Ali; 3, S. H. Khan and A. G. Hyder.

80 Yards Handicap (Girls under 10).—1, Lakiba; 2, O. B. Omar; 3, J. L. Arculli.

Lawn Bowls Event.—1, M. A. Khan; 2, E. Heptulla; 3, S. A. Ismail.

220 Yards Handicap (St. John Ambulance, Indian Division).—1, A. A. Tipe; 2, Y. Tipe.

Wheel-Barrow Race.—1, M. I. Razack and A. K. Suffiad; 2, G. Butt and A. K. Minu.

220 Yards Handicap.—1, C. R. Sadick; 2, A. H. Ismail.

Eggs and Spoon Race (Double-handed, 35 years or over).—1, R. Nazarin; 2, M. Mamak.

Ladies' Nomination Race.—1, Miss A. Ismail and A. R. Suffiad and Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Rumjahn tied; 3, Miss R. Simoes and M. P. Madar.

120 Yards Handicap.—1, F. M. el Arculli; 2, A. el Arculli, jnr.

Obstacle Race.—1, A. K. Minu.

Eggs and Spoon Race (Double-handed. Ladies. 50 yards).—1, Miss J. Hamet; 2, Miss D. el Arculli; 3, Miss Sariyah.

220 Yards Handicap (Open to Indian students from all Schools).—1, S. K. Khan; 2, B. Omoar; 3, A. G. Hyder.

Tennis Novelty (Men).—1, M. Y. Adal; 2, A. T. Barma.

Tennis Novelty (Ladies).—1, Miss H. Ismail; 2, Miss J. Hamet.

100 Yards Consolation Race.—1, Naranjan Singh; 2, K. M. Rumjahn.

How They Stand In The Tables

International Charity Cup Final

England 3 Ireland 1

Division I

Results

Athletic	0	R. Ulster Rifles	1
Kowloon Chinese	3	H.K. Police	1
South China "A"	4	St. Joseph's	0
*R.W. Fusiliers	-	Recreio	-

League Table

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Goals F.	Goals A.	Pts.
R. Ustr. Rifles	25	18	3	4	65	24	39
S. China "A"	25	15	5	5	61	23	35
S. China "B"	24	13	5	6	55	38	31
Seafth. Hldrs.	23	13	4	6	51	39	30
Royal Navy	26	12	4	10	55	47	28
R.W. Fusiliers	23	11	5	7	46	32	27
St. Joseph's	26	12	3	11	42	39	27
Kowloon F.C.	26	10	4	12	32	50	24
Recreio	23	9	5	9	39	48	23
Eastern Ath.	26	8	4	14	45	62	20
Hongkong F.C.	23	9	0	14	41	43	18
Athletic	26	6	6	14	28	48	18
K. Chinese	23	4	6	13	30	57	14
H.K. Police	25	2	5	18	25	65	9

* Not played.

Division II

Results

R. Engineers	2	R.A. Lyemun	1
R.W. Fusiliers	1	R.A. S'cutters	1
*Kowloon Chinese	-	Chinese Police	-
*Seaforth Hldrs	-	Hongkong F.C.	-

League Table

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Goals F.	Goals A.	Pts.
Royal Navy	25	22	2	1	126	26	48
R.W. Fusiliers	25	18	5	2	91	23	41
R. Engineers	24	17	1	6	71	33	37
South China	26	14	6	6	69	38	34
Seafth. Hldrs.	23	13	5	5	60	37	31
R.A. Lyemun	25	12	6	7	67	37	30
R. Ustr. Rifles	23	13	3	7	65	38	29
R.A. S'cutters	26	7	6	13	40	65	20
Chinese Police	25	7	4	14	41	75	18
Kowloon F.C.	24	7	3	14	36	59	17
Athletic	25	7	3	15	32	65	17
Hongkong F.C.	24	4	2	18	24	92	10
Eastern Ath.	26	3	4	19	36	111	10
K. Chinese	22	2	4	16	29	91	8

* Not played.

Division III

Results

Seaforths	3	Kwong Wah	3
R.A.F.	1	Liga Portuguesa	5
R.A.O.C.	5	Recreio	2
R.W. Fusiliers	3	R.A.M.C.	2
R.A.S.C.	5	Police (C)	2

League Table

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Goals F.	Goals A.	Pts.
R.W. Fusiliers	26	21	3	2	111	24	45
R.A.O.C.	24	19	1	4	82	21	39
L. Portuguesa	25	18	3	4	88	39	39
Seafth. Hldrs.	24	15	4	5	85	23	34
R.A.M.C.	23	15	1	7	62	37	31
Kwong Wah	24	12	6	6	74	48	30
R.A.F.	23	13	2	8	51	51	28
Recreio	23	10	1	12	55	48	21
R. Engineers	23	8	1	14	50	57	17
R.A.S.C.	25	6	3	16	33	73	15
St. Joseph's	23	6	2	15	33	80	14
Kumaon Rifles	24	4	1	19	36	118	9
Police (E)	22	3	1	18	25	82	7
Police (C)	23	2	1	20	25	100	5

ANOTHER STRIKE THREATENS

Pittsburgh, Apr. 25.

United Electrical and Radio Workers, affiliated with the Committee of Industrial Organisation, have demanded recognition of their sole bargaining agency on behalf of 45,000 employees of the Westinghouse Electric Company.—*United Press.*

Basketball Exhibition This Evening

SHANGHAI STARS IN ACTION

An exceptionally attractive basketball match has been arranged as an exhibition at the Chinese Y.M.C.A. (Bridges Street) this evening.

The East China Physical Training School team, women champions of Shanghai, are on a visit to South China, and to-night at 7 o'clock will play the Hing Wah Girls' College team, champions of Hongkong.

The Shanghai players have just concluded a successful visit to Canton, where they won five of the six matches played.

American Navy "Adequate"

Not Taking Part In Any Building Race

Washington, Apr. 25.

Mr. Carl Vinson, Chairman of the House of Representatives Naval Affairs Committee, told the press today that the Navy's present strength was "adequate for defence." Hence the United States would not be involved in a construction race.

"The rate at which other powers are carrying out their armament expansion increases economic miseries," he said. "All this talk about a disarmament conference is wasted words. It would get nowhere."

At present, Mr. Vinson said, he was not worried over the possibility of European naval rivalry leaving the United States with an inadequate navy. "We will cross that bridge when we come to it," he said.—*United Press.*

MANILA SHARES

The following opening quotations and closing business done quotations of the morning session were received by Swan, Culbertson & Fritz from their Manila office:

	Prices in Pesos Opening Buyers	Closing Sellers	Business Done
Antamok	1.15	1.20	
Atok		.36 asked	.34
Baguio Gold	.22	.23	.22½
Benguet Consolidated	11.50	12.00	
Benguet Exploration	Unquoted		.10
Big Wedge	.21	.24	.22½
Coco Grove	.60 bid		.61
Consolidated Mines	.028	.030	.0290
Demonstration	.80	.83	.80
East Mindanao	.27	.29	
Gumaus Gold	.16	.17½	.16½
Itogon	1.10	1.20	1.10
L. X. L.	.80	.83	.82
Masbate	.84	.86	.85
Mineral Resources	.29	.33	.30
Northern Mining	.09	.10	
Paracale Gumaus	.50	.52	
San Mauricio	2.10	2.40	2.30
Suyoc	.41½	.42	.40½
United Paracale	.82	.84	.85.

Market:—Quiet.

Rotarian M. J. B. Montargis will be the speaker at the Rotary Club meeting at the Hongkong Hotel tomorrow. His subject will be "The Land of the Setting Sun: Morocco." It will be a Ladies' Day.

SPORT ADVTS.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

The Fourth Extra Race Meeting will be held (weather permitting) at HAPPY VALLEY on Saturday, 1st May, 1937, commencing at 2.00 p.m.

The First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m.

By Order,
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Secretary.

Hongkong, 26th April, 1937.

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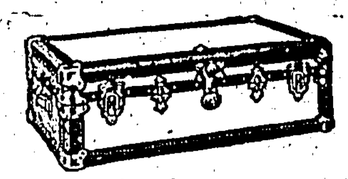

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SPARE MOMENT PAGE

SMITH HAS A DATE

He writes: "I'll meet you Monday, April 26, at 6.45 p.m."

As he writes he is using ideas many thousands of years old . . .

SMITH'S division of his day into hours has been borrowed from the ancient Egyptians. Thousands of years before Christ, the priests and farmers who lived on the banks of the Nile thought it would be useful to know what fraction of the day had gone by. So they built the first clocks known, and some of them can still be seen in museums.

As a rule they were made by fastening a wooden lath at right angles to another. When the sun rose, the instrument was put flat on the sand pointing towards the East. A shadow was then cast on the bottom lath, and this shadow became shorter and shorter until midday, when the clock was turned towards the West.

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THE bottom lath was divided into six portions, so that there were six "hours" from sunrise to midday, and six from midday to sunset. Probably, at this time, like the Babylonians, the Egyptians counted in twelves and sixties, and not in tens as we do.

Traces of this ancient system are still to be found in our own choice of sixty minutes in an hour. Later, too, when we found out how to make clocks accurate enough to measure divisions of time even more minute than the minute, we decided to have sixty of these second minutes in a first minute.

But why does Smith call the days of the week by their names?

Here again Smith is following Egyptian and Babylonian customs. The brilliant appearance of the night sky in those dry, clear climates early drew men's eyes towards the stars.

They noticed that they all rise in the east and move together as one system towards the west. They could make maps of the stars, which show once and for all how they are arranged.

It was then noticed that five stars move about among the others in very eccentric manner. These are called planets, or "wanderers of the sky." The sun and the moon also belong to this group, which thus numbers seven altogether.

These noteworthy planets were thought of as associated in close manner with the gods, and were given their names. The priests thought that, by studying their movements and positions, they would get knowledge of the future intentions of the gods.

And now came an important step; each day was put under the particular protection of a planet-god, and the days thus fell obviously into groups of seven.

Not only was each day of the week ruled by a planet-god, but also each hour of each day was under particular protection. The astronomer-priests of ancient Mesopotamia had prepared lists of the planets in the order of their distances from the earth—and pretty accurate they were. These lists read: Saturn furthest, Jupiter next, Mars, Sun, Venus, Mercury, Moon nearest.

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SUPPOSE now that we have a day the first hour of which is under the protection of Saturn. Then Saturn would rule from midnight to 1 a.m., Jupiter from 1 a.m. to 2 a.m., Mars from 2 a.m. to 3 a.m., and so on.

If you go on in this way, you will find that the first hour of the next day is ruled by the Sun; the first hour of the following day by Mars, and so on.

Last, if we agree to call the day by the planet that rules over its first hour we shall get the following list: Sun's day, Moon's day, Mar's day, Mercury's day, Jupiter's day, Venus' day, Saturn's day.

It was this division of the week that the Saxons found when they came to Britain—the Romans had brought it from the East. But though the Saxons kept some of the Roman gods, others they replaced by their own.

For instance, they called the god of war Tiw, not Mars; and in the same way, Mercury became Woden, Jupiter became Thor, and Venus became Frey. The Saxon week—which is our own—thus ran: Sun's day, Moon's day, Tiw's day, Woden's day, Thor's day, Frey's day, Saturn's day.

For business, trade, and agriculture Smith needs divisions of time larger than hours, days, or weeks. Two giant clocks, the moon and the sun, move about the heavens. The first of these gives a convenient division of about twenty-nine days—the interval between one new moon and the next.

The second moves about among the stars, but returns exactly to the same place in 365 days 5 hours 48 minutes and 46 seconds—and this is the exact length of a year. It is evidently convenient to have a simple relation between the *month* and the year, and for centuries attempts were made to find one.

The Egyptians, a practical people, decided to have months of alternately twenty-nine and thirty days, but this gave them a year of only 354 days.

The Roman calendar was a much more complicated affair. Originally it had ten months—304 days in a year. Clearly this would not do, so it was decided, about 700 B.C., to put in two extra months.

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THIS Roman year began in March, so that September, October, November, and December were the seventh, eighth, ninth, and months. Their names still remind us of this, since, they come from the Latin for those numbers.

This calendar was still inaccurate, and the first month—Mercedonius, the month of wages—was left out every other year. Normally, therefore, the Roman year consisted alternately of 355 and 377 days.

Confusion grew as time went, because the priests had the right of varying the length of Mercedonius according to their inclination or private profit. By the time of Julius Caesar things had become so bad that the spring festivals took place in midsummer.

Caesar decided on fundamental reform. He decreed that the year 46 B.C. should be the longest in history —445 days. Two new months were put in: July, so named from himself, and August, from the name of his successor.

From now on, the Roman year was to begin in the month of Janus, the two-faced god of boundaries, who looked both forwards and backwards. And because his astronomers had told him that the length of a year was 365¼ days, Caesar declared that every fourth year should be a leap year of 366 days.

But Caesar's calculations were wrong by 11 minutes and 14 seconds a year. By 1582 this error had accumulated to 10 days.

Pope Gregory therefore ordered that the day following October 4, 1582, should be called October 15. He also introduced our present rule for calculating leap years.

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PROTESTANT England refused to fall into line and carried on with the old calendar.

In 1751, however, Parliament decided on reform. They ordered that the day following September 2, 1752, should be called September 14. Furthermore, they decided that the year should henceforth begin on January 1 instead of on Lady Day, March 25.

This change was not at all welcomed. Up and down the country there were riots, and people were killed in Bristol. Their cry was: "Give us back our fortnight." Yet the Act of Parliament had been framed in such a way as to prevent injustice being done to anybody.

In financial matters Smith continues to use the old year: he still settles his accounts on quarter days, beginning on March 25.

So do all Englishmen—except Mr. Neville Chamberlain. More conservative than anybody else, the Chancellor still does not recognise the eleven lost days, but forces Smith to pay his income tax on March 25, plus eleven days, which equals April 5!

Smith now speaks of A.D. 1937. We all know what he means by the Year of Our Lord. But remember that when Christ was born no one considered this event important enough to count the years from it.

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PRIMITIVE people use no such system. They give a proper name to each year, just as we might speak of 1936 as "the Year of the Abdication," and of 1935 as "the Year of the Abyssinian War." By the time of Christ the Romans were counting from the year of the foundation of their city.

Most of the world went on doing this until about 1,400 years ago. Then Dionysius the Little, an abbot who ruled over a South Russian monastery, suggested changing over.

Had we gone on in the old-fashioned way we should now speak of A.U.C.—"anno urbis conditae," the year of the founding of the city —2689, and not of A.D. 1937. Incidentally, Dionysius seems to have made a slight miscalculation. Many scholars think that this year is really A.D. 1943.

Curious that when Smith was making a date he was following the ancient customs of primitive peasants and admitting the abstruse calculations and researches of the long-forgotten Dionysius! Curious, too, that he was putting himself under the protection of the moon and of a Roman god!

Work it out for yourself . .

George, his wife, and young George went for a drive in the country last Sunday, and went exploring in an old tower. Unfortunately the caretaker forgot about them and locked them in.

The only means of escape before morning was a rope passing over a pulley fixed to the outside of the tower, with a basket on each end. Whenever one basket was at the window the other was on the ground below the tower.

And the rope was fixed so that the only way the baskets could be used was by placing a heavier weight in one than the other.

Now George weighed 195 lbs., Mrs. George 105 lbs., and young George 90 lbs., and in the tower they found a 75 lb. iron chain.

The weight in the descending basket could not exceed that in the ascending basket by more than 15 lbs. without the descent being fatally fast for a human being. And only two persons, or one and the chain, could be placed in the same basket at the same time.

How did George get them all down, and, incidentally, take the chain with him as a souvenir? If you can't work it out, it tells you at the foot of Column Five.

SCIENCE IS NEWS

MATURING WHISKY WITH SOUND

By John Langdon-Davies

WHISKY has just been aged four years in seven hours by screaming at it. Dr. L. A. Chambers reports that very important effects have been observed in liquids subjected to a kind of bombardment by sound waves. He produces, electrically, sound vibrations a hundred times as loud as a full orchestra, choosing a note about an octave below the top D on your piano.

These vibrations are exactly like intense hammer blows hitting the whisky twelve hundred times a second and under this bombardment the same changes take place as normally occur over long times when the whisky is "matured in the wood."

In the same way the structure of milk undergoes changes of great importance. Dr. Chambers found that the vibrations altered the milk so that it was no longer possible to separate the cream. It is possible that this will make it more digestible.

The exciting thing about these experiments is the use that can be made of them in medicine. It is known that the extent to which the body can absorb food or drugs depends partly on the size of the particles of which the substance is composed and perhaps we shall have a large number of new and more valuable medicines thanks to sound wave bombardment.

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IN a newspaper there recently appeared the photograph of an ordinary looking. American business man, and beneath it the words, "President of the Indium Corporation of America."

This means that another precious metal has ceased to be a chemist's curiosity and entered the world of commerce.

Rather more than fifty years ago somebody discovered element number 49. For a long time it remained nothing but a bright line seen through a spectroscope. Only twelve years ago this business man tried to buy an ounce and was willing to pay more than sixty pounds for it; now he can sell it to you for rather less than gold.

Indium has proved to have three chief values: first, it is softer than lead and melts at a very low heat not much above body temperature. You can combine it with other metals and melt it, then dip linen in it and wrap it round a broken leg and it will harden into a better cast than plaster makes. It is already being used by doctors and artists for this purpose.

Second, it is more lustrous than silver and has a great future in jewellery art. Third, it is as untarnishable as gold.

A few years ago you had never heard of chromium; now watch out for indium, you will soon find it put in your mouth by your dentist, or put on your finger by your fiance, or put in the roof of your flat by the builder as part of a sprinkler system against fire, or combined with other metals to save the housewife from having to polish the "silver."

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NEWS-REELS for some time have been showing factories making Britain's future gas-masks. Soon Hongkong's supply will begin to arrive.

This has brought new problems for the social psychologist. The Air Raids Precautions pamphlets all emphasise that the worst danger in any air attack will not be fire, nor gas, nor high explosive, but fear. Already we are being given "treatment" to counteract this mass-fear, by being shown films of calm people calmly putting on masks at gas-drills.

But should children be instructed in mask-drill? A British school authority recently opposed this as it might produce nervous tension. Psychologically speaking, I think this is wrong. Children do not get afraid unless their adults are frightened first and show it.

I cannot imagine anything more terrifying for a child than to see a room full of people in gas masks for the first time at the moment of a gas-attack.

If Hongkong is ever raided it is to be hoped that children will be kept away from adults who cannot hide their terror. Perhaps the school ought to be the unit for anti-gas preparations rather than the home.

One thing has been omitted in all the official anti-air-raid pamphlets—wads of wool for the ears. It is noise that produces panic more than anything.

Worked out for you . .

After some careful thought George started to solve the problem in Column Three by sending the chain down in one basket, thus bringing up the other.

Then young George went down, thus bringing up the chain. The chain was taken out and George sent his wife down, bringing young George back again.

Next the chain was sent down alone, and, following this, George went down, bringing up the chain and Mrs. George.

Once more the chain went down alone, after which young George went down, bringing up the chain.

Mrs. George then removed the chain and went down, bringing up young George. The chain was sent down alone. Young George went down with the chain as counterweight.

And, lastly, when young George stepped out of the basket on to the ground, the chain came down by the law of gravity.

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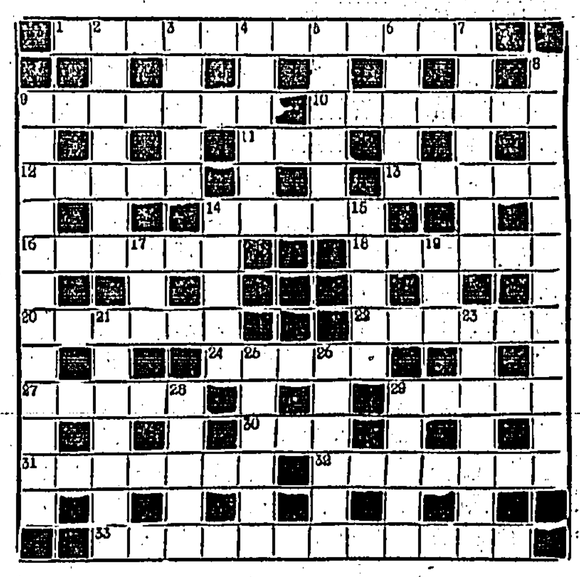

ACROSS

1 Throw your map into the Eastern river, a fitting place for it.
9 Depressions countenanced with equanimity by girls.
10 Flexibly connected.
11 Spells the end of any good cause.
12 Measures.
13 The heart of the crowd is not for peace.
14 Cattle.
16 Scots girl—English girl, that is.
18 Watch for the man who goes for the game.
20 You can't help getting a touch of the sun in this position.
22 If gold, I should like to halve it —the second half.
24 Dares to be wrong.
27 Like a ham in a ham and beef shop (two words, 2, 3).
29 The Italian singer calls for beer.
30 To be right here you want the wrong prefix.
31 Good housewives don't use this duster.
32 Reaches.
33 One can do this London suburb with envy, it might appear (two words, 7, 5).

DOWN

2 Notes about foreign coins.
3 Limps and stops simultaneously.
4 You may take it that the bird looks back at the fool.
5 The thing to make one protest.
6 Rugger scores.
7 Draw by a small publication.
8 Shadows of coming events make a silent start.
9 Kindling for fogies (three words, 3, 3, 6).
14 Proverbially a long time.
15 What you might expect to find in hose, but not in the watering-can.
17 Just a word in season, my boy.
19 I never hear this brute called anything but sorry. But some women do.
21 The Story of Bill, obviously.
23 A good radiant heat is got from this form of sage-fir.
25 Get in a tangle.
26 Mad, sir? (anag.).
28 One of those who book a bet.
29 Upsets the whole tribe.

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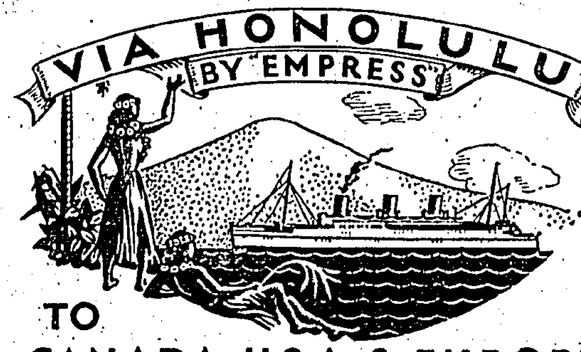

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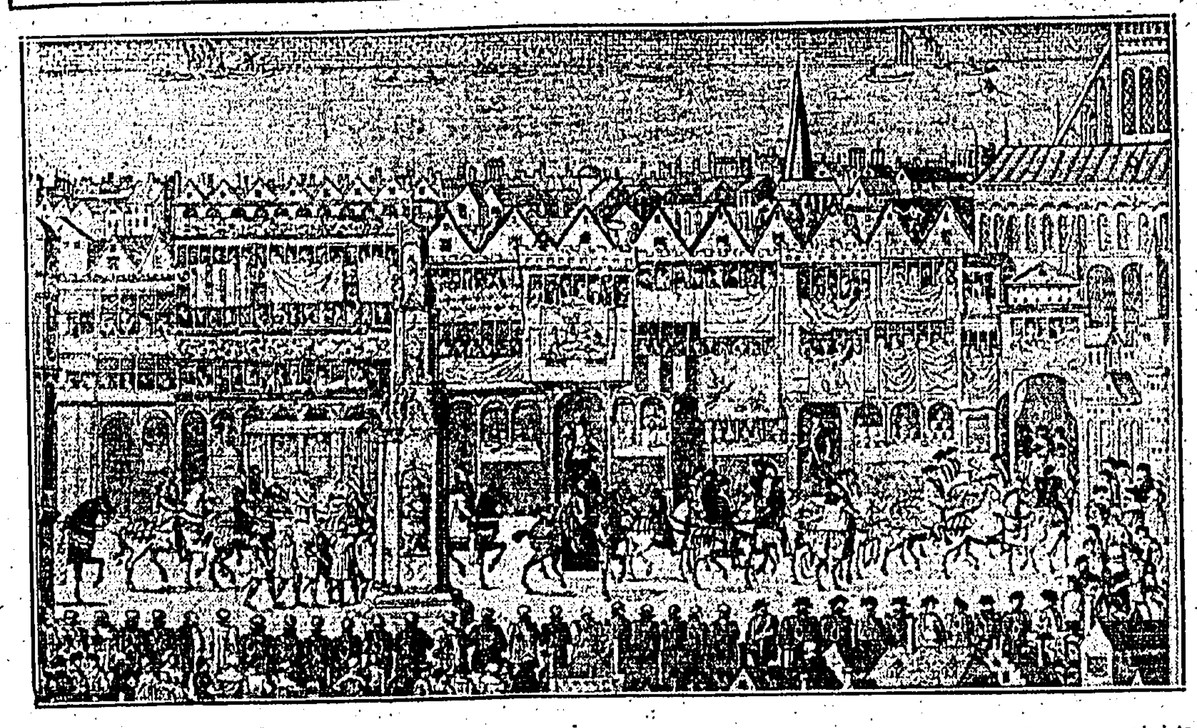
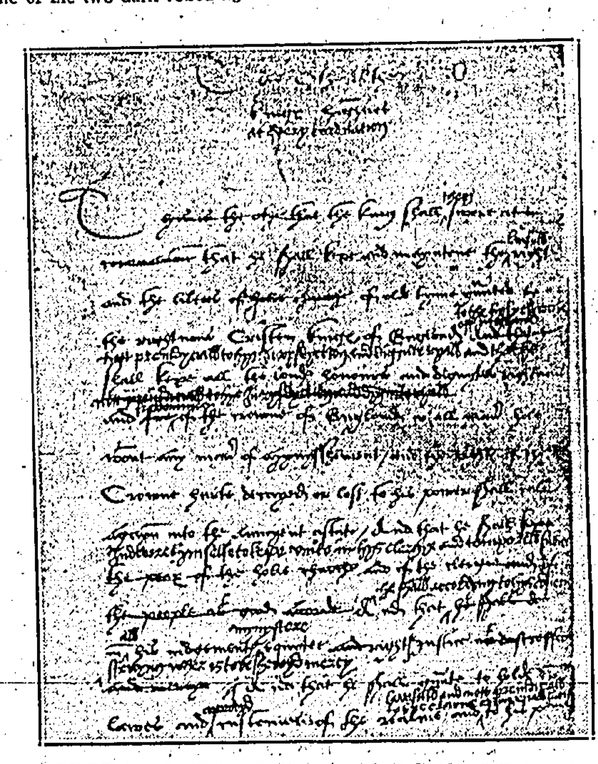
FATTEST IN FRANCE—Meet Jean Banna, Paris restaurateur, whose displacement of more than 400 pounds gives him the distinction, as far as is known, of being the fattest man in France. Jean eats as often as he finds it necessary, which is very often. For instance, he is shown slicing a piece of salami for that empty feeling he experiences between meals.

How Britain Crowned Ancient Kings



PROCESSION OF EDWARD VI—This reproduction of an ancient engraving shows the procession of Edward VI, who acceded to Britain's throne in 1547, passing through Cheapside from the Tower to his coronation. The King, on a white horse, at the left of the monument, is under a canopy carried by four bare-headed riders. One of the two dark-robed figures in centre is probably the Archbishop of Canterbury. Craftsmen in their liveries line the windows.

BACK IN 1307—This ancient manuscript at Corpus Christi College, Cambridge, depicts the coronation of, probably, Edward II, in 1307. The King is seated in St. Edward's chair and holds St. Edward's staff in one hand and the orb in the other. He wears a jewelled crown of fleurons.



HENRY CORRECTED IT—Here is the draft of a new coronation oath for Henry VIII—he of many wives—who came to the British throne in 1509. Henry evidently didn't like it much and made his own corrections in it, as shown. The three lines at the top read: "The Othe of the kinges highnes at every coronation." Henry made it begin: "The king shall then swere . . . "

NOBILITY AT THE HUNT—The Duke of Norfolk, stage manager for the coronation, and his bride, the former Hon. Lavinia Strutt, as they appeared recently at the Holderness and Middleton East hunt at Burton Agnes Hall, York, England.

ST. EDMUND CROWNED — This 12th century manuscript is almost like a caricature of the coronation of St. Edmund (841-870). A bishop or archbishop places the crown on the King's head, while a similar prelate hands the King the sceptre. The crown seems to be a closed helmet.

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Paris, Apr. 25.

France, in her feverish efforts to make herself impregnable in the next war which all Europe seems to expect, is building across her frontier the greatest defensive works since the Chinese Wall. And that is only one aspect of her staggering re-armament programme, although it is by far the most spectacular.

The famous Maginot Line of underground steel and concrete fortresses, already built along the northern border fronting Germany, is to be extended to the English Channel and to Switzerland at a cost of 2,000,000,000 francs (£18,200,000).

The existing Maginot line already is permanently manned by at least 25,000 professional troops (not conscripts), serving an unlimited term of service.

They are stationed in the underground forts and pill boxes all along the frontier, linked by underground passages and underground railways to facilitate the rapid concentration of troops and munitions to any point.

The larger units have their own electricity, water, powerhouses and communications. They are stocked with munitions and food to enable the troops to remain underground for months if necessary.

The whole system from the Channel to Switzerland will be backed by a strong secondary line of defence.

In addition to the Maginot line, the French programme includes the following measures:

1. Raising a defence loan eventually to total 10,500,000,000 francs (£100,000,000), of which 8,000,000,000 (£73,500,000) has just been issued.

2. Expenditure this year of 18,340,000,000 (£168,500,000) on military preparations, of which 9,500,000,000 francs (£87,300,000) will be raised by loans.

3. Expansion of the air force by half this year, doubling its efficiency with new machines, and quadrupling its air bombing capacity by the end of the year;

4. Enlargement of the navy to the third strongest in the world by bringing it to a total of 950,000 tons through construction of 39 new warships;

5. Intensification of the mechanisation of the army and an increase in tanks;

6. Nationalization of war industries;

7. Decentralisation of war industries, including the removal of 25 aircraft factories from the vicinity of Paris to other centres as a protection against bombing;

8. Retention of conscripts in the army for two years;

9. Improvement of the physical condition of the troops and the training of youth by the formation of a corps of 15,000 gymnastic and drill instructors;

10. Formation of huge reserves of war stocks, including six months' supply of fuel oil for the navy and research to discover domestic substitutes for gasoline.

DECLINING STRENGTH

Up to 1933, or the advent of Hitler, France was conceded to have the most powerful military machine in the world, but because of the financial stringency, its efficiency and strength was allowed to decline, especially in the air force. Planes were allowed to become obsolete, while other powers, notably Germany, Italy and Russia, were building.

France now is engaged in an effort to regain her former pre-eminence in Western Europe. Her military situation is conditioned by the fact that Germany has half again as large a population, with militarisation unhindered by Parliamentarian checks and almost unfettered control of industries.

Moreover, France, with a birth rate lower than Germany's and constantly falling, now faces the so-called "lean years" due to subnormal births during the War.

TRAINED RESERVES

The total standing army at present is 654,000, of whom 213,00 are overseas, but France possesses a momentary advantage over Germany with more than 6,000,000 trained reserves. On the other hand, France has failed to develop the pre-military training of boys on the big scale undertaken by Italy and Germany.

Special attention is being paid to reorganising the army on a mechanical basis, extending motorisation and increasing the present 25 tank battalions.

About half the artillery is already motorised and additional infantry regiments are being put on wheels.

The air force is in the process of complete renovation. Air Minister Pierre Cot told the Chamber of Deputies:

"In six months we have increased the number of airplanes available by 37 per cent., equipment by 40, munitions by 50 and armaments by 70 per cent. Only one air force is superior to ours, Soviet Russia's."

The new developments feature an ultra-fast combination of bomber and fighter. Perhaps the most novel factor, about which little information is permitted to escape, is the aerial mine-layer. A plane flying high above the danger of anti-aircraft fire carries a powerful mine. When near a vital bridge or railway or military concentration, the plane lowers the mine, attached to a cable perhaps a mile or two long. It is released when over the strategic point.

The air force personnel is being increased by 1,000 officers and 10,000 men. Expenditures on the force total nearly one-fifth of the whole defence budget.—*United Press.*

War Debts May Be Paid With Goods

United States Ready To Hear Offers

But None Are Yet Forthcoming

Washington, April 24.

Members of the United States Administration have expressed their willingness to consider offers from European nations for the partial repayment of War Debts with goods and services.

However, they draw attention to such measures involving the most careful consideration of the United States' ability to absorb such goods and services without depressing home markets and deranging the economic structure.

Officials of the State and Treasury Departments say that no such offers have been received as yet, and that the reports have apparently grown out of a misunderstanding between Senator Hamilton Lewis of the Foreign Relations Committee and the State Department.

Earlier, Senator Lewis had said that he was intending to recommend to President Roosevelt that such offers should be accepted and that such payments in commodities should be distributed in the United States for relief purposes.—*United Press.*

World Mark For 4-Mile Relay Race

Philadelphia, Apr. 25.

An Indiana team, consisting of Don Lash, Melvern Trutt, Jim Deckard and Jim Smith, to-day established a world's record for the four-mile relay race.

They covered the distance in 17 minutes 16.1 seconds, bettering the record of 17 minutes 21 seconds previously held by the Illinois Athletic Club.—*Reuter.*

SOLDIER'S YOUNG WIFE ASKS BOON OF QUEEN

As the result of the action of a twenty-year old London wife in writing to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth, begging, as a Coronation favour, that her husband be sent home from Singapore, it is probable that Private Thomas Barnett, 1st Battalion Middlesex Regiment, will shortly leave for England.

A year ago Private Barnett married in London. Three days later he was sent to Singapore. The War Office notified his wife that he could not return until 1942.

Now Mrs. Barnett has sent the following letter to Queen Elizabeth:—

"Couldn't Your Majesty please let Tom come Home to me and be stationed in England? An unmarried soldier could be sent to take his place, and it would make Coronation year the happiest year in my life.

"I know you will understand how much it means to have a husband to love and make a home for."

Mrs. Barnett is working as a cinema attendant for 27s. 6d. a week. She has promised her husband she will try to save the £13 fare for him to go home on leave.

"His pay is only 10s. a week, and he sends me 7s., so he can't save anything himself," she said in a press interview in London. "Even if I had the money I would not be allowed to go to Singapore to keep house for him.

"Every week he writes to say how he is longing to be home again. When I show happy courting couples to their seats in the cinema my heart aches with envy."

CARDINALS HUMBLE CHICAGO

Jerry Dean Holds Cubs Scoreless

Brooklyn Rallies To Beat Phillies

New York, April 25.

St. Louis Cardinals remain the most consistent team in the National League to date. They defeated Chicago Cubs four to nothing to-day, Jerry Dean, brother of the spectacled sensation, "Dizzy," holding the Cubs to five hits. Chicago committed five errors.

St. Louis, batting strongly, counted eleven safeties for their four runs.

Boston Braves out-scored the doughty Giants, though each hit safely only six times and the Braves had three errors. Boston scored three times and the Giants once, New York giving away one error.

In a wild eleventh inning rally, Brooklyn took the measure of the Phillies, ten to six. Manush and Hasset hit home runs at the crucial moment. The Dodgers hit thirteen and Philadelphia ten. Each had one error.

Wet grounds prevented the Cincinnati-Pittsburgh engagement.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

New York Yankees whipped Boston, nine to three, hitting 13 to the Sox' eight, and benefitting largely by the Boston errors. There were four of them. Doerr hit a homer for the Sox.

In 11 innings, Cleveland beat St. Louis five to four in another slugging match, hitting 15 to the Browns' 14. Cleveland had five errors.

Chicago scored 11 runs to Detroit's seven in another 11-innings encounter, Berger whacking a home run. The White Sox hit 14 and the Tigers ten. The winners had two errors.

The Washington-Philadelphia game was washed out by rain.—*Reuter.*

NEW YORK EXCHANGE NERVOUS

Prices Lower But Fairly Active

New York, April 24.

Prices were lower in a moderately active but nervous session on the New York Stock Exchange to-day.

The unfavourable factors included anxiety over the Government's economy programme, some accounts becoming frozen, the recent breaks and resultant uncertainty in the commodity markets, and the critical foreign situation.

The favourable factors include the steel production increase, good carloadings returns, good earnings reports and estimates that March automobile sales will constitute a record.

Issues on the Curb Exchange were lower.

The Bond Market was lower with United States Government issues higher.

DOW-JONES AVERAGES

	Apr. 23	Apr. 24	Change
Industrials ..	178.54	176.98	Off 1.56
Rails	60.24	59.54	Off .70
Utilities	30.17	29.94	Off 2.3
Bonds	101.49	101.35	Off .14

Volume: 803,000 shares.—*United Press.*

Parachutes Fail Him: Birdman Dies

Paris, Apr. 25.

A vast crowd, numbering at least 200,000 saw a man glide 6,560 feet to his death to-day.

It was the famous American birdman, Clem Sohn, who, in a specially constructed suit, with wings controlled by his arms and a tail controlled by his legs, was giving an exhibition at Vincennes.

Sohn jumped from a plane 6,560 feet up. Gracefully, with outstretched arms, he glided towards the ground, for all the world like a swiftly diving bird. After a few moments of exhibitions of turns he attempted to release his parachutes, which check his fall. These were strapped to his back and chest. Both failed to function.—*Reuter.*

U.S. TRADE WITH CHINA GAINS

Washington, April 24.

The United States Chamber of Commerce annual survey reveals that the United States imports from China during the year 1936 rose $10,012,000 or 15.7 per cent. over the previous year, which is the largest increase among the major Asiatic countries.

Imports from Japan rose $21,000,000 or 14 per cent.

Imports from the Philippines increased by 1.1 per cent., from the Dutch East Indies 39 per cent. and from French Indo-China 44 per cent. —*United Press.*

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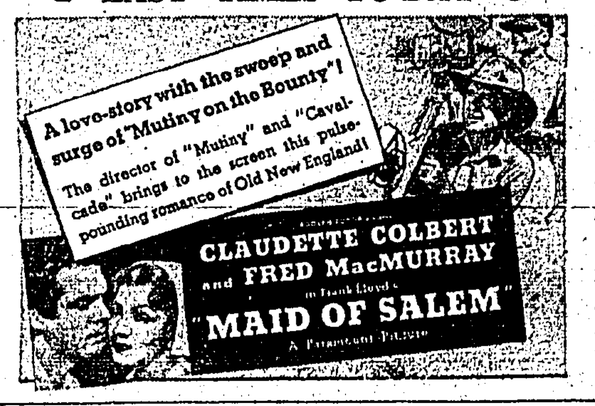

— TO-MORROW, ONE DAY ONLY — DIANA WYNYARD in "ONE MORE RIVER"

Anti-Lottery Laws

Hongkong Name In Banned List

Mr. F. Cunderno, acting Director of Posts, has issued an order against eight known agents or representatives in the distribution of foreign lottery tickets, says the *Manila Bulletin*. The order means that no letters or packages addressed to those persons, except those sent by the Commonwealth or by the Federal Government, will be sent through the mails.

The order was issued against eight persons, including one from Hongkong and two from Macao.

Mr. Cunderno stated that evidence satisfactory to him had shown that these men are using the mail service of the Philippines for the promotion of their business, in violation of the postage laws. He directed all postmasters and other postal officers and employees to return to the person depositing in the mails any matter of whatever class mailed by or addressed to these people or their agents or representatives.

Any such mail discovered by postal officials is to be marked: "Fraudulent: mail from—to this address returned by order of the Director of Posts." Should the senders of letters addressed to these persons fail to show their names, their mail will be sent to the dead letter office with the mark "fraudulent" and will be disposed of like other dead letter matter.

Postal officials are also forbidden to issue of pay any money order or telegraphic transfer to these persons or their agents or representatives. The order will not apply to mail matter not under seal which, on examination, is found not to pertain to the inhibited business.

Capital To Be Returned

Company With Too Much Money

On the ground that the Company had too much money, Mr. H. C. Macnamara this morning successfully applied to the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, for a return of capital to shareholders of the Ho Mun Tin Land Investment Company.

Mr. Macnamara was instructed for the petitioners by Mr. P. Y. Woo, of H. K. Woo & Co., and the order was granted after a brief hearing of the facts.

The application set out that the capital of the Company consisted of $400,000, divided into 4,000 shares of $100 each of which $60 per share had been paid. It was desired to reduce the capital by paying back to the shareholders the sum of $10 per share out of the accumulated profits and that the nominal amount of the 4,000 shares be reduced from $100 to $60.

Counsel said the Company had more money than it required and the present motion could not possibly affect the creditors. The amount to be returned totalled only $40,000.

His Lordship granted an order in the terms required.

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